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NEXT MEETING DATE

**** MEETING LOCATION CHANGE - BACK TO THE LIBRARY ****

Please join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, November 12, 2026 at the Burlington Library, 820 E Washington, Burlington.** We'll gather at the library at 6 p.m. for our social/dinner half hour followed by the business meeting at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you!

UPCOMING BVKA EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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- **OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIAL:** *January 16-17, 2027, Fun Fur Paws, Mount Vernon*
 - **AWARDS/RECOGNITION DINNER:** *January 30, 2027, Il Granaio Italian Restaurant*
 - **NORTHWEST CLUSTER DOG SHOW:** *May 21-24, 2027, Lynden Fairgrounds*
(May 21-22 BVKA All Breed Cluster Days/May 23-24 Mt. Baker All Breed Cluster Days)

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LET'S CATCH UP!



Back in July, we welcomed Jeanette Bader as a new member of our club. At the time, I didn't have a picture of her to share, but now I do! So, here's your chance to put a face to the name so you can easily recognize Jeanette at our next meeting.

To remind you, we first met Jeanette at the Northwest All Breed Cluster Dog Show in May. She owns and breeds Boston Terriers and competes in conformation, bringing some valuable knowledge and experience to our club. Jeanette is a lover of animals and life, and we're absolutely delighted she's joined our family. Welcome again, Jeanette!

A NOTE FROM TAMI YOUR BVKA NASDA FUN DAY ORGANIZER EXTRAORDINAIRE

The second BVKA NASDA Fun Day was a huge success and everyone seemed very happy to be there enjoying the outdoors with their best pals. We even had some senior citizens participate (I'm referring to the dogs) and it was a pleasure to see them enjoy time with their people and work to find things.

We had 12 handlers, who ran 22 dogs, in 134 runs over 4 events. Lost item recovery, shed hunt (finding antlers), urban locating and trailing and locating (finding rats in quarry boxes in urban and field settings).

We had a blast! The weather was amazing. The food was fantastic!

Some runs were easy, some were kind of hard, but all the dogs found all the "things" and enjoyed playing NASDA sports; fun was had by all.

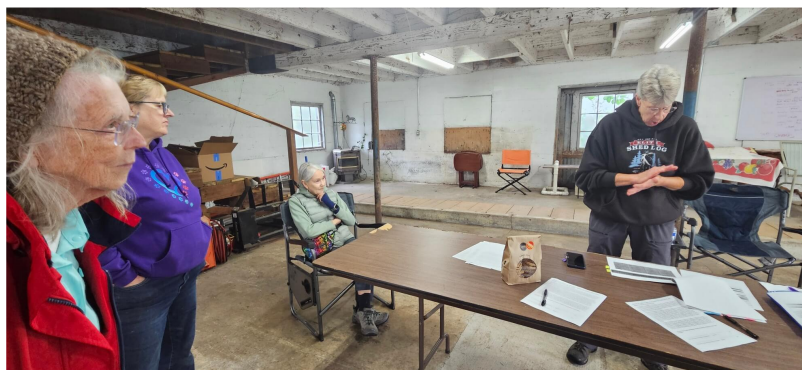
A huge **thank you** to my best helpers Mike and Linda – couldn't have done it without all your help; as well as Jean for riding herd on the potluck. Super happy that my newbie rats did a great job handling their first real "workday" with so many different dogs.

Some of you mentioned wanting to get involved with NASDA, feel free to reach out directly to me, and I will do my best to help you find trials or opportunities to train.

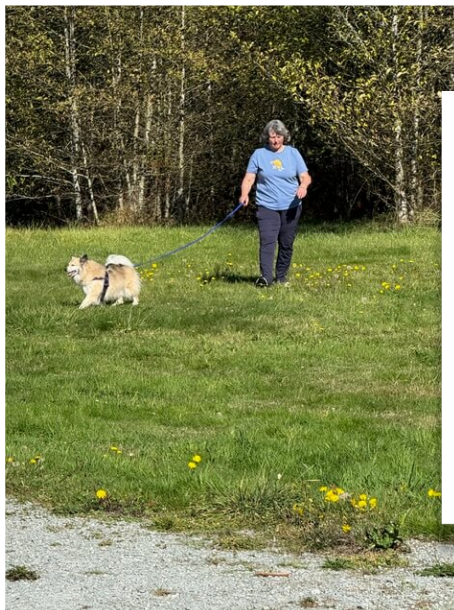
A Standing Ovation:

The BVKA Funday on 10/4 was Amazing!!! Thank you Tami, Mike, and Linda for all your hard work!! I took all 3 of my dogs. They all had fun and I found out that Dante' definitely thinks that rats are fun, fun, fun to hunt! I think there is barn hunt in his future. Pat













A BIG THANK YOU to Tami for your amazing set up and organizational skills, to Mike and Linda for being the best helpers, and to Jean for sharing her potluck magic. It truly does take a village ... and what a wonderful village we have!

HAVE AN IDEA FOR A FUN
EDUCATION EVENT?
CONTACT JEAN AT
360.941.3734



BRAGS AND WAGS AND WELL DESERVED CONGRATULATIONS TEAM SARAH

On September 19, Jam earned his Rally Novice title at the Sno-King trial in Arlington.

Last weekend we did ASCA obedience and rally - we earned two legs in beginner novice obedience and 2 legs in rally novice including a HIT other breed.



BRAGS AND WAGS AND WELL DESERVED CONGRATULATIONS TEAM EDITOR!

As your Editor, I'm much better writing about everyone else than I am about myself and Maisie. But Jean lovingly threatened me (and I know better than to ignore her!), so here's our story.

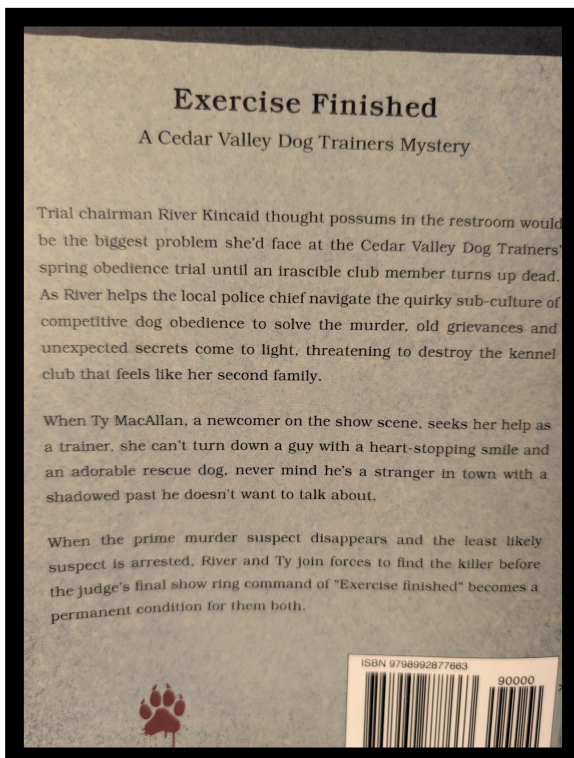
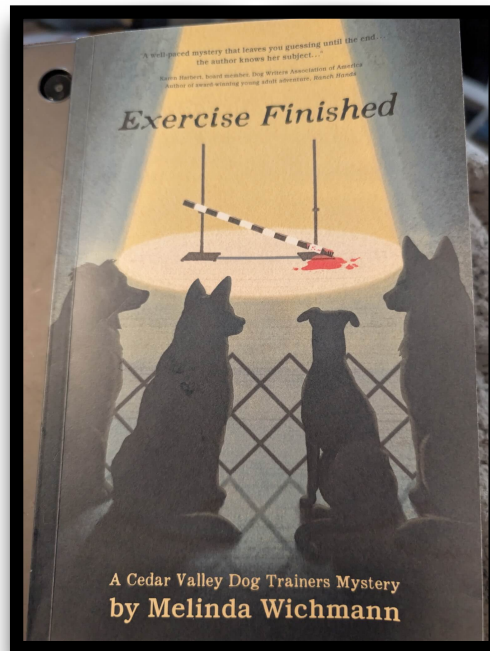
Maisie did Labrador Nationals 2026 and she did not disappoint! She Q'd in each of the 3 advanced scent work elements placing second, fourth, and seventh (scary little toy dinosaur, same color as the dirt, took some time to recover from 🤔). She also Q'd in her novice interior class, placing

fourth and earning her Novice Interior Element Title and also her overall Scent Work Novice Title. She also earned her Dog for All Reasons Versatility Award and with John in the ring tossing her bumper, she also got her Novice FETCH title. While we didn't Q in obedience, it's ok, because by the second day I saw small improvements which made me really happy and for the first time I thought, gee, maybe we can actually do this! We all had a fun week and Maisie and I are grateful we got to do it alongside her mom and sister, P!nk and Reign.



THE TAIL END

THE BOOK NOOK WITH LINDA KRIEDEL - PICK OF THE MONTH



Exercise Finished is a fun mystery that takes place in the world of competitive obedience when a club member is murdered at the local obedience trial. The author, Melinda Wichman, is active in the Iowa City Dog Obedience Club. She started showing obedience in 1976 with a beagle, so she must be a highly intelligent person (or maybe just plain crazy). 🤪

**TODAY IS THE DAY,
I CAN FEEL IT**



**TODAY I WILL
CATCH THAT TAIL.**

