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NEXT MEETING DATE

*** Meeting Location Officially Changed! ***

Please join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, August 13, 2026 at the Burlington Library, 820 E Washington, Burlington.** At the July meeting it was unanimously agreed that future meetings would officially continue at the Burlington Library, as this location has proven to work perfectly. Going forward, room setup will occur at 5:45 pm; social/dinner time will begin at 6 pm to 6:30 pm; followed by the business meeting 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. These times will slightly vary when we have visiting speakers. Thank you, Diana, for suggesting the library as our new meeting location, it's been the best fit. And also, a huge thank you, for the yummy ice cream and hundreds of toppings for our evening treat this month. The deliciousness and surprise was loved and enjoyed by all!

UPCOMING BVKA EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- *FALL AGILITY TRIALS:* September 11-13, Fun Fur Paws, Mount Vernon
(*NO BVKA GENERAL MEETING: September 10th (Due to Fall Agility Trials)*)
- **OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIAL January 16-17, 2027, Fun Fur Paws, Mount Vernon**
- **AWARDS/RECOGNITION DINNER January 30, 2027 (Location TBD)**

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AWARDS/RECOGNITION DINNER

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 30, 2027!** Our Awards & Recognition Dinner is back, and Jean, Denise, and Debbie are busy planning another evening that's sure to be a winner. More details will follow, but you can count on great food, lots of laughs, wonderful company, and a chance to celebrate the accomplishments of both our two-legged and four-legged members. It's our favorite gathering of the year and the only competition is seeing who can clap the loudest!

AND THE WINNER IS ... !

After each meeting a drawing is held with the lucky recipient walking away with amazing winnings! At our June meeting, Joann won the Limited Edition Bell Vernon Canvas Tote. That tote was coveted by many of us as it sat on the table awaiting the drawing. In July our newest member, Jeanette, carried away the recently published book by Laurel Saville, "How to Live With

a Dog.” We were fortunate to have Laurel as one of our speakers last year so for those who remember her, the book was a welcome surprise!

The August drawing prize is still top secret - Jean isn't talking! If you want to know what it is, you'll just have to show up, put your name in the basket, and hope that luck is on your side. One thing's for sure: Jean always finds something fun and unexpected, and the drawing is a great way to wrap up the evening. Thanks, Jean, for keeping it fun!

WE'RE HAPPY YOU'RE HERE!

The Bell Vernon Kennel Association warmly welcomes to the family Jeanette Bauder and Tristin Lindsey.

When we met Jeanette at the Northwest Dog Show Cluster in May, it didn't take long to realize she was someone we wanted in our club. Whether she was helping Shirley or answering our conformation questions, she did it all with a smile. Jeanette owns and breeds Boston Terriers and competes in conformation, bringing that needed knowledge to our club. So when we said, "Hey ... come on over to our side!" we were delighted when she said "yes!" A hearty welcome, Jeanette!

(Photo of Jeanette not available at time of distribution. I'll grab her for next time!)



What can we say about Tristin? So much - but I'll try to keep it brief! Tristin has been an amazing volunteer at our agility trials, and if you've ever had the chance to work a ring with her, you know she's a bar-setting machine. That girl could set 10 bars before I even managed to get out of my chair! She shares her home with a Husky/Bully mix and a Boxer and is currently enjoying agility and scent work ... but knowing Tristin, I wouldn't be surprised if another dog sport catches her eye before long. Tristin, we're so, so happy you're part of the family!



BRAGS AND WAGS!

Tina finished her Rally Novice title with a score of 100 and first place at the outdoor Springer Spaniel show. Plus Tina had a wonderful time at daughter's home in Winthrop. We did a lot of hikes, fairly flat since my daughter is still recovering (well) from a fusion.



Congratulations Reta and Tina!

BRAGS AND WAGS!

Annie earned her Crazy 8s title and her first Master Barn Hunt Qs at Schasam's cheese-themed anniversary barn hunt trial on June 28.

Annie and Karma had a blast qualifying in all of their Trailing & Locating and Lost Item runs in the 4 Points NASDA trial on Camano Island. Karma got High in Trial with a 13 second search in Lost Item.

Karma earned her 100th Master Jumpers Q at the WSOTC trial on July 11 with a double Q.

Taz earned double Qs in Standard and Jumpers and Premier Standard and Premier Jumpers on Saturday and Sunday, July 11-12 at the WSOTC agility trial at Fun Fur Paws. He qualified in all 6 of his runs on Saturday, making for a perfect day!

And to top it all off, with Taz at 7th place and Karma at 9th place, they both are in the top 10 preferred dogs for their breed in the AKC Agility Nationals Invitational List! Not bad for an 11-year-old senior! *WOW, congratulations Annie, Taz, and Karma!*



BRAGS AND WAGS!

Brie was a star in her recent Barn Hunt trial with HIC in Novice and HIC in Open runs. Oh how Brie hates to have her picture taken. Had to scratch Saturday's run due to fireworks. She is very noise sensitive. That's it for trialing until this Fall. Having my knee surgery July 22nd.



Congratulations Susen and Brie!
(And here's to a speedy recovery
from that knee surgery!!)

THE TAIL END

THE STARS IN THEIR PAWS

A pet's horoscope is determined by their birthday (or rescue date) just like human astrology. Match their special day to the signs below:

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18): The independent, quirky genius pup.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20): The dreamy, gentle, and compassionate best friend.

Aries (March 21 – April 19): The energetic, "Zoomie Commander" who is always ready for a new adventure.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20): The relaxed couch potato who values maximum comfort, naps, and treats.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20): The incredibly social butterfly with paws who loves attention and playtime.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22): The ultimate emotional support snuggler who loves being deeply bonded to you.

Leo (July 23 – August 22): The regal ruler of the house who expects to be treated like the VIP they are.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22): The meticulous, detail-oriented pet who thrives on routine and organization.

Libra (September 23 – October 22): The charming harmony hound who gets along with absolutely everyone they meet.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21): The mysterious, observant, and fiercely loyal companion.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21): The bold explorer who loves to travel and is endlessly curious.

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19): The disciplined, wise CEO of sit and stay who values structure.

