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NEXT MEETING DATE

**** MEETING LOCATION CHANGE FOR OCTOBER ****

Please join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, October 8, 2026, in the community room at Haggen's, located at 757 Haggen Drive in Burlington.** Unfortunately the library was not available this day but with Diana's help once again, we were able to secure the community room for our next meeting. We'll gather at Haggen's 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!

- **NASDA FUN DAY:** October 4, SchaSam Feld, Mount Vernon
- **(BVKA EVENT FOR MEMBERS ONLY)**
- **SCENT WORK WORKSHOPS:** October 17, Fredonia Grange, Mount Vernon
- **(BVKA EVENT FOR MEMBERS ONLY)**
- **OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIAL:** January 16-17, 2027, Fun Fur Paws, Mount Vernon
- **AWARDS/RECOGNITION DINNER:** January 30, 2027 (Location TBD)

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Just a friendly reminder that your 2027 budgets are **due to Denise no later than September 30th!** Please help us keep Denise off the budget-tracking trail by getting those numbers in on time. And thanks for helping to make her job a little easier!

BVKA NASDA FUN DAY AT SCHASAM FELD
23261 Odessa Drive, Mount Vernon
October 4, 2026 - Sunday 10 To 4
(Possibly 9-5, depending on sign-ups)



Tami is at it again! She's organizing another NASDA Fun Day for BVKA members only on October 4, and it's a day you and your dog won't want to miss. Participants will be introduced to the following NASDA main events:

- Lost item recovery
- Shed dog
- Trailing and locating, and
- Urban locating

NASDA is all about the dogs searching, hunting, and locating in their natural way and all dogs are welcome. SchaSam Feld (meadow in German) is comprised of 15.2 acres of meadow, woods, marsh, and a creek and because the event is outdoors, be prepared for weather, mud, and walking in some field conditions. And don't forget your chairs.

There are plans for a potluck type lunch with a couple of main crockpot dishes provided by Tami and Jean in the barn kitchen.

Specific timing for the day will be sent out once Tami has a number of those signing up. Then she will send out an official email just to participants with a reminder of things to bring, and a schedule with the estimated timing for the day. Please email Tami **by Monday, September 21 at tami.mattox@gmail.com to sign up!**

Back in March of 2025, at this same event, Tami tells us we had 13 handlers, 25 dogs, and a whopping 162 runs. Clearly, everyone was having a good time, so don't miss your chance to have some fun.

BVKA SCENT WORK WORKSHOPS
Fredonia Grange - 14245 McFarland Rd, Mount Vernon
(Building is off Highway 20 Between Anacortes and Burlington)
October 17, 2026 - Saturday 9 To 4



Here's another opportunity to have some fun with your dog! Join us for our Scent Work Workshops coming October 17, exclusively for BVKA members. Whether you're new to Scent Work, or looking to sharpen skills you already have, this is another great chance to learn, practice, and have fun together.

Entry Deadline: October 1

Payment Deadline: October 8

If you haven't registered yet, there's still time. Just [click the link here](#) and you'll be all set! Come join the fun and let your dog's nose do the work.

There will be two separate workshops - one for experienced teams (9-12) and one for members who have never done this before and might not even know what Scent Work is (1-4). Both workshops will have room for 8 working teams (those who want to participate with their dogs) and unlimited room for auditors (those who want to watch and learn without their dogs). Lunch will be provided.

If you're signing up for a working spot in the Introductory Workshop, Marilyn would recommend you audit the morning one too to see what the finished 'product' looks like. It's not required, but if you can do it, it would probably be helpful.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR AKC REPRESENTATIVE THANK YOU, MIKE!



ZANIE KRIEDEL

The AKC CHF (Canine Health Foundation) is offering a wonderful opportunity. To celebrate Rainbow Bridge Day - August 28 each year - they are allowing people to make watercolors honoring their special dog. Make more than one, if you wish. The dog doesn't have to have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. It can be done without the rainbow. Click on, or copy, the link below to make yours. It is free! They will ask you if you wish to make a donation to support canine health research. That is completely your choice. You will also be asked if you would allow them to post the finished art in their gallery. Of course, I said yes. [Make Your Watercolor!](#) today.



THEY RAN, THEY JUMPED, WE DID IT!

Our Fall Agility Trial is officially behind us, and a huge thank you goes out to everyone who stepped in to help wherever needed. Without your support, the many compliments we received about the smoothly managed rings, wonderful hospitality, and overall fun atmosphere simply would not have happened. So to each and every one of you, huge congratulations and thank you!

And a very special shout-out to our Fall Agility Trial Chair, Denise, for all her hard work and dedication in making sure everything came together. Thank you, Denise, for leading the way!



This picture isn't of everyone who helped make the weekend a success ... just the few we could round up at the very end of the last day.

BRAGS AND WAGS AND WELL DESERVED CONGRATULATIONS TEAM RETA!

Tina went in Rally Intermediate for the first time August 21 at the Irish Water Spaniel trial held at Fun Fur Paws. First leg 😊 She's a good girl.



BRAGS AND WAGS AND WELL DESERVED CONGRATULATIONS TEAM JEAN

Star Heart got his Open Jumpers with Weaves Title and also his Open Standard Title. Miracle! And just to be sure we weren't imagining things, he also added his Intermediate Rally Title to the collection. Star Heart certainly does a great job of living up to the Heart part of his name. As for the Star part, well, we're still waiting for him to discover his inner superstar. But judging by these latest accomplishments, he's getting pretty darn close!



BRAGS AND WAGS AND WELL DESERVED CONGRATULATIONS TEAM EARL!

Earl and Robby completed their Novice Agility Standard Title on Sept. 5th!



BRAGS AND WAGS AND WELL DESERVED CONGRATULATIONS TEAM SARAH!

I attended and participated and volunteered at my first spaniel hunt test over Labor Day weekend. We learned lots and qualified 4 times - Jam can now add Junior Hunter to his name.



BRAGS AND WAGS AND WELL DESERVED CONGRATULATIONS TEAM PAT!

Karma got two First places in Novice Preferred Fast this past weekend which was her title. Yea Karma!!



BRAGS AND WAGS AND WELL DESERVED CONGRATULATIONS TEAM CAROLE!

Tika appointed herself as the official BVKA welcome chair, making sure she greeted each ring steward and judge 😊. Our “brag” is that in her fifth run of the weekend she managed to complete eight of the fifteen obstacles, including going by a steward without saying hello — I hope their feelings weren’t hurt 😞😂



BRAGS AND WAGS AND WELL DESERVED CONGRATULATIONS TEAM LINDA!

MIDGE GOT HER MACH 4 AT THE BELL VERNON TRIAL LAST WEEKEND!



BRAGS AND WAGS AND WELL DESERVED CONGRATULATIONS TEAM BRAD!

In the Sno-King U. S. Australian Agility Trial on September 4, Gabby ran 5 times with 2 qualifying runs, placing:

Preferred Premier Standard: First place, the fastest dog in the whole class

T2B Preferred: First place

In the Bell Vernon Agility Trial on September 11 and 12th, Gabby ran 10 times with 6 qualifying runs, placing:

Preferred Premier Jumpers : First place

Standard EXCELLENT Preferred: First place and picked up her 2nd leg

Jumpers Masters Preferred: First and Second places

T2B Preferred: First place twice



THE TAIL END

PUPKIN SPICE LATTE



Ingredients

1 Cup Goat or Coconut Milk

1 Cup Pumpkin Puree (NOT Pumpkin Pie Mix, straight ole pumpkin)

Dash Ground Cinnamon

Dash Ground Ginger

Organic Whipped Cream, optional

Instructions

- Place all ingredients into a blender and mix for about a minute.
- Serve your dog a small amount depending on the size of your dog.
- Top with whipped cream if desired (be sure this contains no xylitol).
- Place the rest in an airtight container in the refrigerator. It will keep about a week.

HAVE AN IDEA FOR A FUN
EDUCATION EVENT?
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