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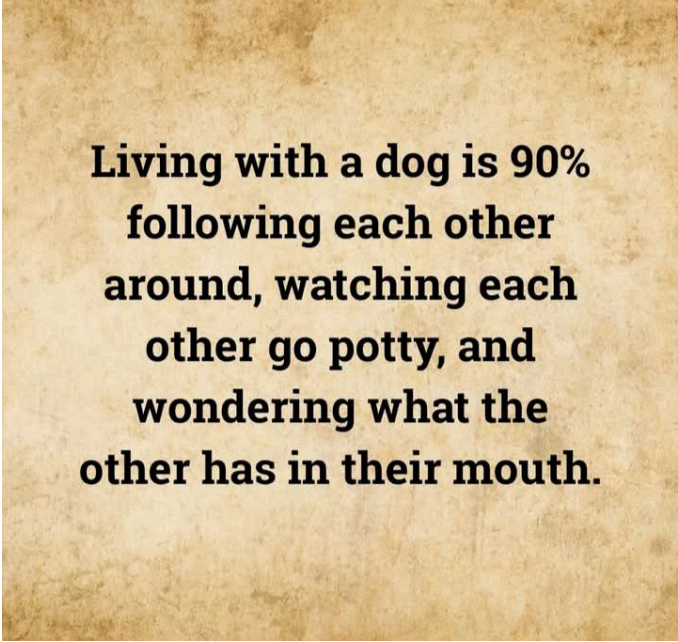
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NEXT MEETING DATE ** CHANGE IN VENUE CONTINUES **

Please join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, June 11, 2026 at the Burlington Library, 820 E Washington, Burlington.** We will meet at the library at 6 p.m. for social hour followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m. Our last meeting in April, at the library, was a huge success in terms of the ability to freely talk with everyone, we could actually hear one another talk, and wait staff didn't come in and out of the room disrupting conversation. This new experience was a welcome surprise. Come, you'll see!

UPCOMING BVKA EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- BARK IN THE PARK - *CANCELLED*
- *FALL AGILITY TRIALS*: September 11-13, Fun Fur Paws, Mount Vernon
(*NO BVKA GENERAL MEETING: September 10th (Due to Fall Agility Trials)*)



**Living with a dog is 90%
following each other
around, watching each
other go potty, and
wondering what the
other has in their mouth.**

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President's Message

Thank You, Thank You everyone who came to help with the Cluster last weekend! What a great show of community within our club -- I was so proud! I wasn't in the obedience/rally building but I heard everything went smoothly there. I was in the conformation building for the first time and was so grateful to everyone who helped there or showed up to see if we needed help. A huge thank you to Shirley who joined our club so we could have a trial chair and who worked so hard, without her this show couldn't have happened. Also a huge thanks to Mike and Tracy who chaired the obedience and rally portions of the show, to Carole who managed hospitality, and to Denise who didn't realize that by volunteering to do awards, she was volunteering to practically take over the non-stewarding conformation duties on top of being treasurer at the show. And an especially huge thanks to all of you who showed up when you could, to do whatever you could, to make this show a success!!! Mission accomplished - what a great club this is!!! Thank you, Everyone! Marilyn

A Note From Shirley, Your NW Cluster Show Chair


I want to first Thank All of You, you made it possible for me to do my job. You all stepped up and did your jobs great. Without the rest of the club working, the show could not run smoothly. We had our moments of trouble but did not let them stop us. Things like not enough catalogs (which is very different than usual), but now we know to get two boxes next time (which will probably be too many then), no winning. Judges with canceled return flights which we figured out. I am sure many other troubles we covered with our usual efficiency. I was very happy to see some of the members trying to learn more about conformation. Their eyes were opened to how different it is from obedience/rally. I hope they enjoyed it. Conformation is a lot of work but it is rewarding. I am looking forward to more getting involved next year. Jeanette and I enjoyed the invitation to the dinner (party) on Sunday night. Again, Thank You All for your help. I think we pulled off a great weekend.







Utility B
~~1601¹⁶~~ ~~1403¹⁵~~ ~~1404¹⁸~~ ~~1406²²~~ ~~1407²²~~ ~~1602²⁰~~
 9:55 Utility A
~~1502¹⁶~~
 10:05 Grad Open - BAR jump / glove l
 1842¹⁶ P1901¹⁶ 15A2¹⁶
 10:35 Open B
 1402¹⁶ P1942¹⁶ 1404¹⁸ 1406²² 1407²² 14A 1403¹⁸
 11:30 Open A
 1303¹⁴ 1304¹⁶ 1308²² 1311²⁶
AFTERNOON
Grad. Nov. 1301¹⁰ 13A4¹⁶
Nov. B 1201 1203
Nov. A 1101 1704
Pref. Nov. P1901 P1903 - DOWN
Beg. Nov. B. 1742 1749 1750
Beg. Nov A 1705


 Linda aka Danksy



A Message from Your Wardrobe Department

If you owe for a short sleeve T-shirt the price is \$20; Long sleeve \$28. Please send a check made payable to BVKA to Jean Groesbeck, 4010 Oakes Ave, Anacortes, WA 98221. If you would like to order a hat the price is \$20; The price for a Hoodie is \$45. Please email Jean with the size you would like and bring a check to the next meeting made out to BVKA.

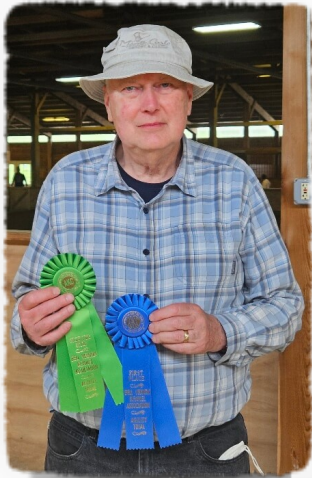
Special Recognition From Your Editor

I do not have any photographs for proof of a great time but regardless, the Obedience/Rally Fun Day in April was just that, a great time! I want to send a huge thank you to Mike and Linda for all their hard work orchestrating our day and keeping us on track so everyone could enjoy some good practice before the NW Cluster. As a Utility Glove Specialist in training I appreciated not only the specific instruction in which way the glove should be placed, palm side up or palm side down, but also Mike and Linda sharing their knowledge about all the little nuances I wasn't aware of (or had forgotten) when showing my novice girl in obedience. I know I can speak for us all when I say THANK YOU Mike and Linda, we look forward to our next Fun Day with you both leading the way.



A Note from Bonnie, Your Spring Agility Chair

Thanks so much to all the BVKA members who helped at our April agility trial. It was lovely to have willing helpers for the rings throughout the day. I had many people from outside the club comment to me how they appreciated our trials, from the friendliness to the food. I am also impressed with how many people who helped who didn't show their dogs. Thank you all!







IN MEMORIAM

“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

All of you are helping me through this awful loss. You are very much appreciated. Thank you for the very kind card.



In Loving Memory



Toodle-o Shea



IN MEMORIAM

“Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.”

Jack was a wonderful family dog and the best therapy dog for the eight years that we were blessed to have him. Thank you all for your heartfelt condolences.



In Loving Memory



Jack Lamont

BRAGS AND WAGS!

In the Sno-King Agility Trial on May 1st, Gabby ran 5 times. She had 4 qualifying runs. Gabby placed the following:

Preferred Premier Jumpers : She qualified and placed First

Standard EXCELLENT Preferred: She placed First and picked up her 1st leg

Jumpers Masters Preferred: She placed Third

T2B Preferred: She qualified and placed First



Congratulations Brad and Gabby

BRAGS AND WAGS!

This is the face of a dog with his second utility leg. He was such a good boy! And one stubborn handler!



Congratulations Linda and Brinker

BRAGS AND WAGS!

Annie earned 47 of the 51 master points she needs for her Rally Obedience Championship title at the Northwest Cluster in Lynden sponsored by the Mount Baker and Bell Vernon Kennel Associations. Her scores were consistently in the money: 98, 98, 97, 98, 100, 96. She also got her CGC and novice trick title!



Congratulations Christina and Annie

BRAGS AND WAGS!

Tucker, Riley, and I went to a 3-day Scent Work trial in Mt Vernon last month and we had a great time. Tucker qualified all 6 times and got his Novice Exterior title, his Advanced Containers title, and his first two legs of Advanced Interior. This was Riley's first trial and he got both Novice Interior searches. He struggled with his Container searches but that's ok - we just need to practice those more. I was really proud of how well he handled everything and how hard he tried. We're having a lot of fun in Nose Work/Scent Work (same thing)!

At our April agility trial Tucker had some great NQ runs but he also had a beautiful Masters Standard run that got him 1st place and 25 points towards his MACH.



Congratulations Marilyn, Tucker, and Riley

BRAGS AND WAGS!

My brilliant fast boy (22mph!!) told me he was ready to move up from Novice Rally on Friday with a perfect score of 100; I listened to him and he proved his prowess with a 99 in his first Intermediate class. We have finally found his stride (in both Rally *and* FastCAT).



Congratulations Denise and Tony

BRAGS AND WAGS!

Kobe finished his Rally Choice title on Sunday, first place Saturday and Sunday with 99 both days. He is a rock star when it comes to Rally! Tina had her debut in Rally Novice B. She did very well and had two qualifying scores. She would have had a 100 on Saturday except the handler (ahem!) made a 10 point error, score 90. Sunday she got a 97.



Congratulations Rita, Kobe, and Tina

BRAGS AND WAGS!

Superman (AKA “MANNY”) and Star Heart each earned their Rally Novice Title this weekend at the NW cluster!

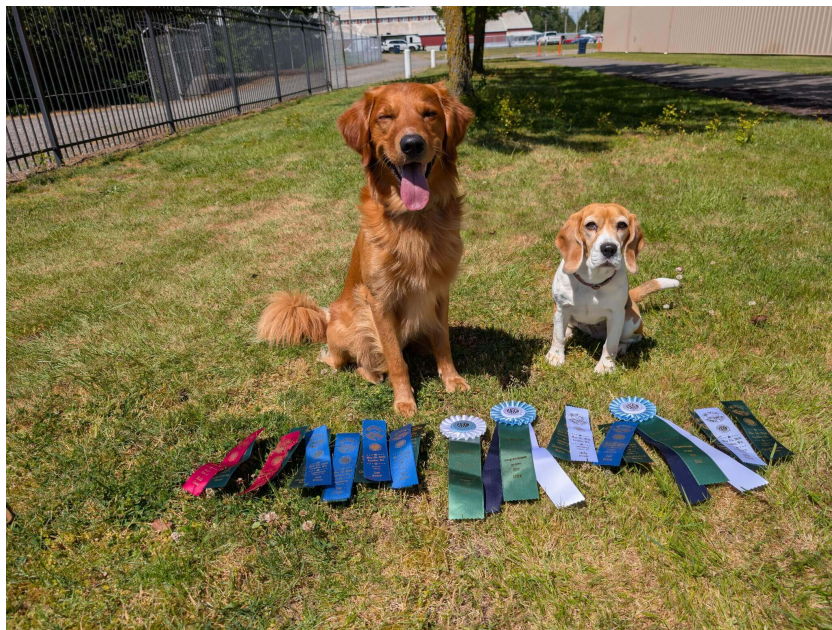


Congratulations Jean, Manny, and Star
(Shown here with Denise, Tony, and their
instructor extraordinaire)

BRAGS AND WAGS!

Midge earned 2 legs towards her CDX, with placements. They qualified all three trials on Friday and Saturday, earning the Rally Excellent title. Two of the trials she placed with scores of 100 and 98, out of 100.

Presto earned his Beginner Novice title with three first places. His scores were 199, 197, 199 - out of 200. He also earned his Rally Novice titles with scores of 100, 98, and 100. All with placements. With Linda on the other end of the leash.



Congratulations Linda, Midge, and Presto

BRAGS AND WAGS!

Dancer made steady progress in Barn Hunt progressing from her RATN (Novice) up in 2022 thru her RATS (Senior) in less than a year and added four Master legs in the next six months. But then we suffered 2-1/2 years of showing trying to earn that last leg (5 are needed for RATM) with nothing to show for it but observing how many ways I could mess her up or how she could get confused.

This morning, we made another attempt at Barn Hunt At SchaSam Farm which is just 10 minutes from my house. Dancer hunted nicely, found one rat, and seemed to indicate there were no more. I encouraged her to keep hunting until she had covered the whole ring. So, when she indicated there was no more, I called Clear and heard Congratulations. Yippee, she was finally a Rat Master.

GCH Camcrest-Rime Ice Dancer TD TDU SWA NW1 NE RATM CZ8B BCAT



Congratulations Sil and Dancer

BRAGS AND WAGS!

Wanted to brag about Brie. She was in her first Barn Hunt trial. She came home with her Novice Title, getting a 1st and two 3rd's. She got HIC with a .32 second finding her rat. For this 11 year old girl she didn't do too bad in my book.



Congratulations Susen and Brie
(This cute face is not Brie)

THE TAIL END

Pat's amazing group of volunteers and their dogs, affectionately known as Dogs on Call, were recently awarded the Oak Harbor Public Schools' Community Partner Star of the Year award for their amazing work with students in the Oak Harbor School District on Whidbey Island. Hearty congratulations Dogs on Call for making a profound difference in the lives of local youth and also in our community.



Community Partner of the Year: Dogs on Call

We are proud to announce our first Star of the Year award recipient! Dogs on Call received this year's Community Partner of the Year award for their support of our school communities by offering a calming, comforting presence for our students. They help our students build important social skills, learn how to respectfully approach others, make eye contact, and ask to pet a dog in a calm and polite way. We are incredibly grateful for the care, time, and meaningful interactions they bring to our school. Please join us in sharing a congratulations to Dogs on Call!

