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NEXT MEETING DATE * CHANGE IN VENUE CONTINUES *

SPEAKER - STEPHANIE MEYER DVM
Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist, Certified Veterinary
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Please join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, July 9, 2026 at the Burlington Library, 820 E Washington, Burlington.** We have an amazing speaker at this next meeting so please plan to arrive a bit earlier at 5:30 p.m. for social time and dinner; the meeting will take place from 6 until 7 p.m.; the presentation will begin at 7 until 8 p.m.

We are so fortunate to have Dr. Stephanie Meyer as our July speaker. She is trained as a general vet in acupuncture, chiropractic medicine, and herbal medicine. Thank you, Mike, for helping to organize this presentation that none of us should miss!

Dr. Stephanie Meyer received her DVM from Texas A&M University in 2006. She then completed a one-year rotating internship in large-animal medicine and surgery at Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital in 2007. Dr. Meyer returned to Pilchuck after completing a three-year residency in 2010 in large-animal internal medicine at the University of Florida in Gainesville and receiving certification as a large-animal acupuncturist from the Chi Institute in Ocala, Florida. In 2012, she received her certification in veterinary chiropractic at Options for Animals. Dr. Meyer's clinical expertise includes general medicine, acupuncture, chiropractic, Chinese herbal medicine, and complementary medicine modalities. Outside of work, she enjoys outdoor activities with her dogs, horses, goats, and chickens on her small hobby farm.

UPCOMING BVKA EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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- *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**

At last week's meeting, members voted in favor of holding an obedience/rally trial next year on January 16-17 at Fun Fur Paws. A committee has been assembled and stay tuned for more information about how we all can step up to help make this a successful BVKA event.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUR VOICES ARE NEEDED!

Below is the link to the AKC Government Relations webpage asking to contact our Senators. The Farm Bill passed the House, without amendments from the animal rights activists. It is now being considered by the Senate. "There are problematic potential amendments supported by the animal rights activists and your action is urgently needed to stop the proposals from being attached to the Senate Farm Bill." Please contact our Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell via the link below today. If the Senate makes requested changes to the Farm Bill it would affect or eliminate Barn Hunt, FAST Cat, Earthdog 101, field trials, hunting with dogs, and more.

[EMAIL MY LEGISLATOR HERE!](#)

4-H DOG LEADERS RENT-A-RING

A huge thank you to Diana for her work to orchestrate and create BVKA donated baskets for the Skagit County 4-H Dog Leaders Rent-A-Ring Fundraiser June 9. Diana collected donated items from club members and put together the cutest gift baskets for the 4-H participants to raffle off during the fundraiser. Thanks also goes out to all who donated, showed up, and helped to support the effort. It takes a village to make a community difference!



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!!

The Bell Vernon Kennel Association warmly welcomes to the family Conrad Vasquez and John Thompson. Both gentlemen have joined as “social members” and we couldn’t be more excited to have them a part of our team.

Conrad’s better half is Denise and John’s sidekick is Debbie and both men are known for showing up when the work gets weighty. They have been heavy lifters at the NW Cluster and volunteered in the past at Bark in the Park and other venues as needed. They may not personally show dogs but they sure show up for us.

Conrad and John, finally an official welcome!!



BRAGS AND WAGS!

Tony Stark did a thing ... he earned his Intermediate title in Rally. And not only that, Tony was the high scoring Sheltie in Intermediate. *(You didn't tell me that part, Denise, thank goodness I have people! 😊)*



Congratulations Denise and Tony!

BRAGS AND WAGS!

Earl and Robby did a great job in Rally for 2025. They got a notification from the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America that they were the #2 Rally English Cocker in the country for 2025 with an average score of 99.8! WOW!! *(Added for emphasis!)*



Congratulations Earl and Robby!

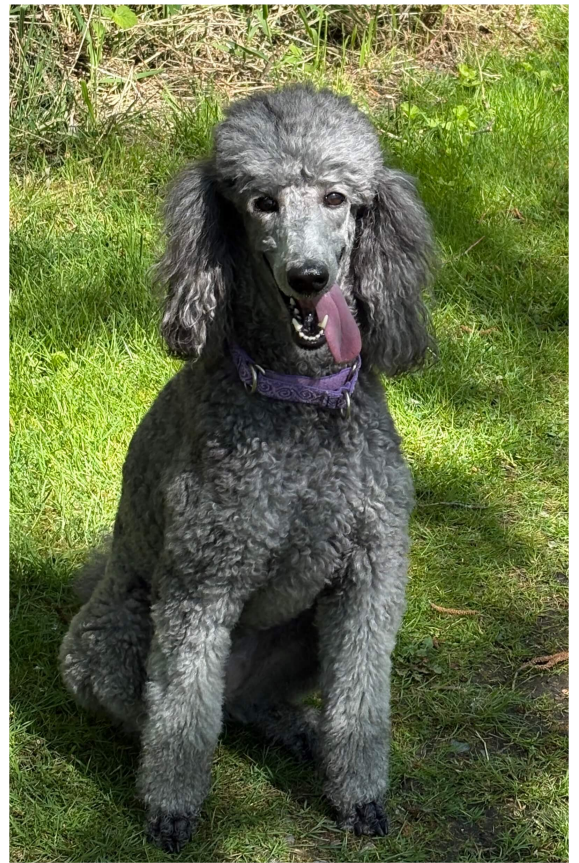
BRAGS AND WAGS!

Kobe placed first in Preferred Utility (with a 194), and was highest scoring dog in the preferred classes. He was such a good boy! Tina was entered in Novice B obedience for the first time. She did well, and placed second with a 192.5. Both such good dogs on a hot day with crating in the car!

KOBE



TINA



Congratulations Reta, Kobe, and Tina!

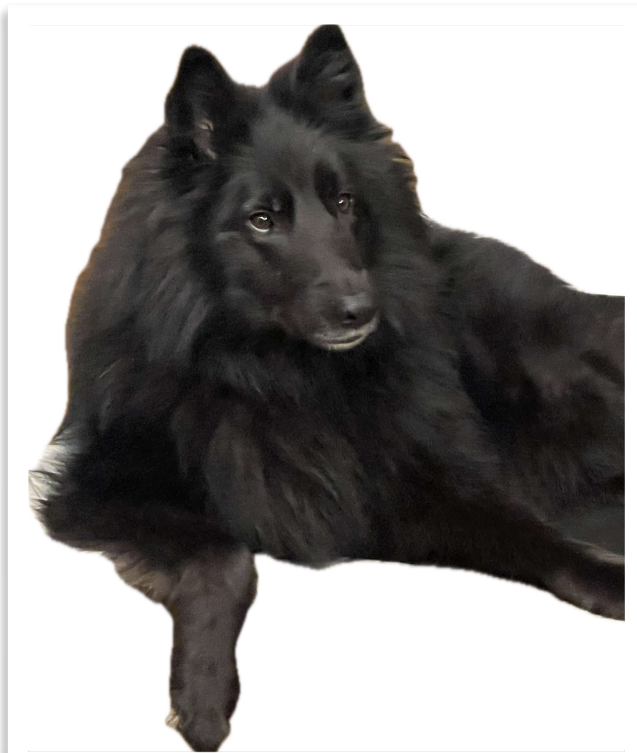
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Annie earned her RACH Rally Obedience Championship title June 14th at the Evergreen Shetland Sheepdog trial in Arlington with a score of 98. This is a title that we have been working toward for three years! She will be retiring from handler led sports to focus on dog led scent sports. NASDA and barn hunt trials coming up. Lisa, Mavis Boerboel, my instructor at Rocket Dog, Roxanne, Patti, Tami and friends contributed to this lovely keepsake poster. I have received so much support from this group, fellow competitors, Tara Curtis, trainers Julie Germano, Debbie Addicoat, Sharon Colvin, and all the judges that work so hard to keep the sport going.

Taz returned to the rally ring after 3 years and pulled off a 99 in Rally Master on Sunday June 14, beating Annie's score by one point!

ANNIE

TAZ



Congratulations Christina, Annie, and Taz!

BRAGS AND WAGS!

These little cuties, Shih Tzus, three boys and a little girl, were born June 3rd out of my very athletic boy. This is his first litter and I'm excited to see how they turn out. We will be keeping our eyes on a couple.



Congratulations New Momma Heather!!



BRAGS AND WAGS!

Lily competed in her first rally trial last weekend. In spite of the heat, she qualified both days with scores of 90 and 91. Yay Lily!



Congratulations Martha and Lily!

THE TAIL END

LEMON CAKE MIX COOKIES (Courtesy of The Slow Roasted Italian)



- ☐ 1 15.25 ounce box lemon cake mix , (I used Betty Crocker)
- ☐ 2 large eggs
- ☐ 1/3 cup canola oil or vegetable oil
- ☐ 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract, or substitute lemon extract for more citrus punch
- ☐ 2 cups powdered sugar
- ☐ 2 tablespoons lemon juice, divided
- ☐ 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ☐ 1 teaspoon lemon zest, optional, for garnish
- ☐ 1 tablespoon lemon juice

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat the Oven: Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Mix the Cookie Dough: In a large mixing bowl, combine 1 15.25 ounce box lemon cake mix , 2 large eggs, 1/3 cup canola oil or vegetable oil, and 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract. Stir until fully combined and a soft dough forms. You can use a fork, spoon, or hand mixer — whatever makes you feel like the baking queen you are.

Scoop the Dough: Use a 2-tablespoon cookie scoop (or heaping tablespoon) to form dough balls. Place them about 2 inches apart on the prepared baking sheet to give them space to spread.

Bake the Cookies: Bake for 9 to 10 minutes or until the edges are lightly golden and the centers are just set. The cookies will continue to cook slightly on the sheet after baking.

Cool on the Pan: Remove the pan from the oven and let the cookies cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes to firm up before transferring.

Make the Lemon Glaze: While cookies cool, whisk together the 2 cups powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract in a medium bowl. If needed, add the remaining 1 tablespoon lemon juice a little at a time to reach desired drizzling consistency. The glaze should be thick but pourable.

Glaze the Cookies: Transfer cookies to a wire rack set over a sheet of parchment for easy cleanup. Spoon or drizzle glaze over each cookie, letting it drip slightly over the sides for that bakery-style finish.

Add the Zest: Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon lemon zest while glaze is still wet, if using. Allow cookies to cool completely for the glaze to set before serving or storing.

Me: I'm gonna eat healthy

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