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September-October, 2026

Double Hitter Specialties Are Home Runs

Our summer Specialty Show was held in conjunction with the two-day Tacoma Kennel Club shows. While we had problems with some judges having to withdraw for health or personal reasons, the show generally went off well. There were 18 dogs in the regular classes and 2 entries in sweepstakes and 3 entries in junior showmanship. There were 19 entries of Scottish Terriers in the regular classes, 1 in sweepstakes, and 3 juniors.

At the first specialty, all-arounder judge Gloria Kerr chose the veteran dog (GCHB CH Ayreshire's Desperado OHS), who was owner-handled by club member **Amy Brazeleton**. Co-owners were Cliff and Judy Hewitt. Winner's Dog was XTC Smooth Operator, owned by **Marilynn and Michael Sabo** and NancyXander. Best of Winners both days was **Pendragon Devilish Delight**. **Paul La Fontaine** bred and owns her.

Judged by Yvonne Savant from Canada, the second specialty was won by CH Paloma's Oakmont Highlander, owned by Stephen Kent. Winner's Dog was Gallica's Razin' Caine, owned by **Charlie and Bob Gann**. This year, we held only one sweepstakes. Judge Paul LaFontaine selected **Pam Murray's** McVan's Morejoy She's a Rainbow from the 12-18



"Rainbow" would go on to win Best Owner-Handled Dog at the Tacoma Kennel Club show under terrier expert Christine Erickson. She also finished her championship that day. Way to go, Pam and Rainbow.

In Junior Showmanship, **Jewel Van Tassell** went Best in Show both days. Reserve Best Junior went to Evelyn Walsh. We are so proud of these young juniors.

A shout out to everyone who helped Vandra Huber, WSSTC President celebrate her birthday. Paul La Fontaine brought cherry pies (Vandra's favorite). We also had birthday cake ma

Calendar of Events

Tuesday September 29 6:30 p.m.	Regular Monthly Club Zoom Officers Slate Presented Presentation on Scottie Anatomy
Tuesday October 20 6:30 p.m.	Regular Monthly Club Zoom Officers Slate Presented Presentation on Scottie Anatomy
Saturday October 31 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.	How-o-ween Party Potluck, Costumes, Howling, Fun Pawsome K-9 Training Center 20330 30th Avenue East Spanaway, WA 98387
Tuesday November 17 6:30 p.m.	Regular Monthly Meeting Zoom Talk
Saturday January 9th 11 a.m.	New Year Holiday Party To Be Confirmed

Mark Your Calendar

Howl-o-ween Party

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pawsome K-9 Training Center

Spanaway, WA

(see attached flyer)

Let Vandra know if you are coming and how many Zombies.

Brags, Brags, and More Brags...

Paul La Fontaine's girl **Pendragon Devilish Delight** went BOWS at both WSSTC specialties to finish her championship. A shout-out to Paul for keeping her in the classes and holding the major for others. He enters; He shows up; He finishes; and he holds the major to help others.

Charlie and Bob Gann's boy **Gallica's Razin' Caine** was winner's dog at the second specialty.

As mentioned earlier, our top winner was **Amy Brazelton and Cliff and Judy Hewitt's** boy (**GCHB CH Ayresshire's Desperado OHS**). In subsequent shows, he has gotten numerous owner-handled group placements and breeds.

Pam Murray and her 12-18 girl **McVan's Morejoy She's a Rainbow** was best in Sweepstakes under judge Paul La Fontaine. She finished her title on Saturday and Sunday with two Best of Winners. She concluded the weekend by going Best Owner Handler in Show under terrier expert Christine Erickson. What a way to finish!

Beth Firulli finished her boy New Champion **McVan's Emotional Rescue** at Ringleaders recently. He was owner-handled to all wins. He is also the brother of Pam Murray's girl. Rainbox.

Her brother, GCH **McVan's Hey Jude**, won the breed and got a Group 3 at the Tacoma Shows. **Vandra Huber and Michael Krolewski** own Jude. He is currently ranked in the Top 10 All Systems with limited showing.

Nancy Warfield and **Vandra Huber's** girl, **McVan's Dream Girl**, went Winners Bitch and BOB at the Seattle Kennel Club to finish her title. Her AKC title certificate just came in the mail.

Sally Jones won the breed at the Seattle Kennel Club. Owner-handled to all wins, Sally personally put all the points on Ch. **McVan's Dance to the Music** aka Digby. Digby is on the way to achieving his bronze championship.. Owner-handling your first Scottie is no small feat. Congratulations, Sally and Digby.



Heads Up Grandmothers and Juniors

The American Kennel Club has announced that Junior Showmanship participants who are in the Novice class can earn one of the required wins needed to move to the open class by going Reserve Best Junior. Because a novice class often has only one participant, it is often difficult for the child to acquire the required three wins by defeating another child in their class.

This rule provides a 2nd avenue for a youngster to get the 3 required wins needed to move up to the Open class.

Officers for the WSSTC 2027

All current WSSTC officers have agreed to stay on the board for another year.

Nevertheless, we will entertain nominations from the floor at our next meeting and vote at the next meeting. We can always use another Board Member. Why not volunteer!



Why You Should Buy a Purebred Dog from a Preservation Breeder

By Preservation Breeder Bill Shelton

Written in response to a challenge to purebred AKC breeders to try to explain how possibly purebred dogs could be better than acquiring a dog from a shelter.

First, drawing on decades of experience, I select the ideal male and female to breed together to best preserve my specific breed. How do I decide this? First, I test them specifically for health. Not only are DNA tests available, but so are tests for other phenotypic anomalies, such as hips, elbows, eyes, and many others. We do this as a common practice as responsible breeders. I extensively study pedigrees to ensure the best health, character, and overall soundness in each planned litter. We do this for the best possible outcome of each puppy. In some cases, these families of dogs can be researched 20 to 30 generations on OFA, and more for health. I evaluate and challenge character as in AKC/CGC testing.

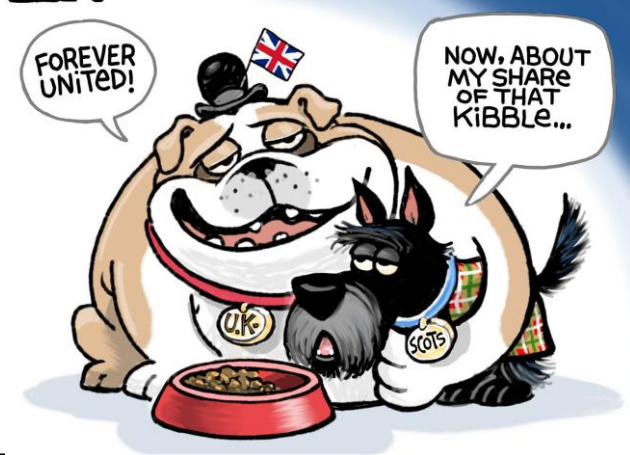
Overall obedience training and several other means. I hand-rear each puppy to reach its full potential, and I painstakingly interview numerous potential forever homes. Not only making sure they are right for the particular puppy, but that the pup is the best fit for the specific family. I have an agreement that, under any circumstances, they must return the dog if they cannot keep it. I microchip my puppies so they are never lost for long. I offer lifelong friendship and mentoring to anyone who acquires a pup from us. I read and study daily to learn how I can be and breed better dogs. I donate resources and fund canine research for dogs and my breed specifically. We support the CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION. Developing DNA genetic markers. This is only a very small window into why my pups are guaranteed a better life than many others. Ann, we must also remember, however, that we are all mammals, and there is none known to be disease-free; it's an impossibility.

Lastly, we in purposefully bred purebred dogs have established a formidable rescue network across this nation through our own parent clubs, but also our regional chapter clubs, and the AKC.

I know every canine deserves more than this insatiable, irresponsible throwaway society will ever recognize or offer each of these precious lives. The recidivism of shelter dogs is an example of why all dogs need an advocate who purposefully brought them into the world and will take responsibility for them in and for life. That's why I chose, and have dedicated my life's work to, a specific breed to preserve and protect it..

I love all dogs, and salute all those that do such difficult work for those unlucky dogs across this nation who, for no fault of their own, end up in shelters. So yes, Ann, we believe and most likely can predict a dog acquired from a purposeful and responsible breeder will come into this life better prepared to meet the challenges of its life to come? Rather than randomly taking your chances on acquiring a dog with no prior knowledge of its background, health, or predictability of Character, size, or coat. Unfortunately, most shelter dogs have wound up there for most likely not a good reason. Most generally, neglect from a previous owner. That's why I sincerely thank all those who take chances on these souls, and try to give them another chance at life, or the home they never had the opportunity of having. That which a responsible breeder's puppy had to begin with.

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I believe any dog deserves a responsible owner and a home. I am also a preservation breeder who does all I can to ensure that our family of dogs is the best prepared to meet these challenges and to offer a safety net so they are never lost. And learn from each previous generation to make the next healthier and happier, for what will become a special, planned life in a hopefully forever home.

None of us are perfect, but we can try to plan and prepare our families of dogs for what we hope will be long, happy lives.



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
— 11 A.M. — 3 P.M. —

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20330 30th Avenue East
Spanaway, WA 98387

**COSTUMES
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COSTUME CONTEST!

- Best Dog
- Best Human
- Best Human & Dog Competition

BEST TRICK (GREAT TREATS)

- Best Dog Trick
- Best Human Trick
- Best Team Trick (Human & Dog)

BEST HOWL HUMAN OR DOG

- Best Dog Howl
- Best Human Howl
- Best Team Howl (Human & Dog)



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N - S
Side Dishes

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Desserts

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