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The Monthly Newsletter of the Wenatchee Kennel Club

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The Wenatchee Kennel Club (WKC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its purpose is to further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs and provide education for their responsible breeding; conduct events under the rules of the American Kennel Club and to hold other events as approved by the Wenatchee Kennel Club; and provide education, training, and information regarding the responsible ownership, care and exhibiting of all dogs. Those interested in becoming members are invited to contact WKC at (509) 886-DOGS (3647).

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Upcoming Events

Members Meeting
WKC Training Center
April 30 at 7pm
"Hunt Test" with Norm
and Louise Day

WKC Hunt Test
Almira
May 5, 6, 7

WKC Scent Work Trial
Chelan County
Fairgrounds
May 19, 20, 21

Urban Canine Good Citizens



On April 10th, Wenatchee Kennel Club held its first Urban CGC test. Test items include walking through crowds, ignoring food on the sidewalk, a 3 minute down stay, appropriate reactions to city distractions, and other items. Thanks to Firehouse Pet Shop for letting us all "shop" in their store and monopolize the stairs as we treaded up and down in controlled fashion as Good Canine Citizens. Thank you to Louise Day for organizing and evaluating and to Pat Vetter, WKC's newest evaluator, for helping with the test evaluations. Congratulations to all 18 dogs receiving new titles (and their humans) for a fun day!

Urban CGC (continued)



From top: Ruby ignores a distraction with owner Melissa Larson and evaluator Louise Day looking on; Shanna Davies with her dog Ethel Grace preparing to exit doorway; dogs performing the street crossing test item; Zenyatta curious about toy held by owner Betsy Metcalf; Fireshop Pet Store owners Jennifer and Allen Larsen hold an appreciation plaque from Wenatchee Kennel Club. Thank you to Dave Gallatin for taking photos!

Spring Is HERE, and All That Entails!

It's Spring, finally. That means we can all get outside and have new experiences with our dogs. We have classes, lots of trials and tests in different sports, and... lots of work to keep our WKC property not only looking nice, but functional for all our activities.

You are probably aware the Board of Directors has contracted with Kolumbia Services/Chuck St. John as our Facilities Maintenance Manager to oversee the various aspects of our grounds and building maintenance and repairs. It is a large undertaking and isn't intended to be a "one person operation." The scope of the continuing "projects" and maintenance will require continued member participation to make it all work, now and in the future. Through this summer we will have a number of work parties for projects ranging from small to large. The schedule of these will reflect priorities set by the Board and instructors.

Our first major need is for someone, or ones, to volunteer to either mow with our big mower weekly (or whenever works) or do weed eating/trim work with a weed eater or the small mower to keep the edges neat and clean. See related article for the continuation of our "Adopt-A-Bed" program for maintaining the various planning beds around the property.

If you have a passion for wanting the WKC grounds looking their best, and are interesting what is involved in the mowing program, contact John Njus (509-630-5057) or Chuck St. John (509-421-8585) for more details!

Thanks!

Adopt-A-Flowerbed 2023

Contact Carla Duncan – terv46@hotmail.com to sign up or to make a change.

Help maintain a flowerbed/area this season at the Training Center by inspecting a flower bed or area once a week and weeding, as necessary. Tasks include, removal of dead plants, dead heading, cleaning up edges, picking up trash, and reporting problems to John Njus, Chuck St. John, or Carla Duncan. Let Carla Duncan know what area/s you would like to Adopt and if you want to keep the same beds signed up for in 2022. If you want to find a partner/family to share with, that would be great.

This is an uncomplicated way to stay active and a small way to give back to your club. The weeding at the moment is caught up so now it is in maintenance mode. But we know how quickly that can change!

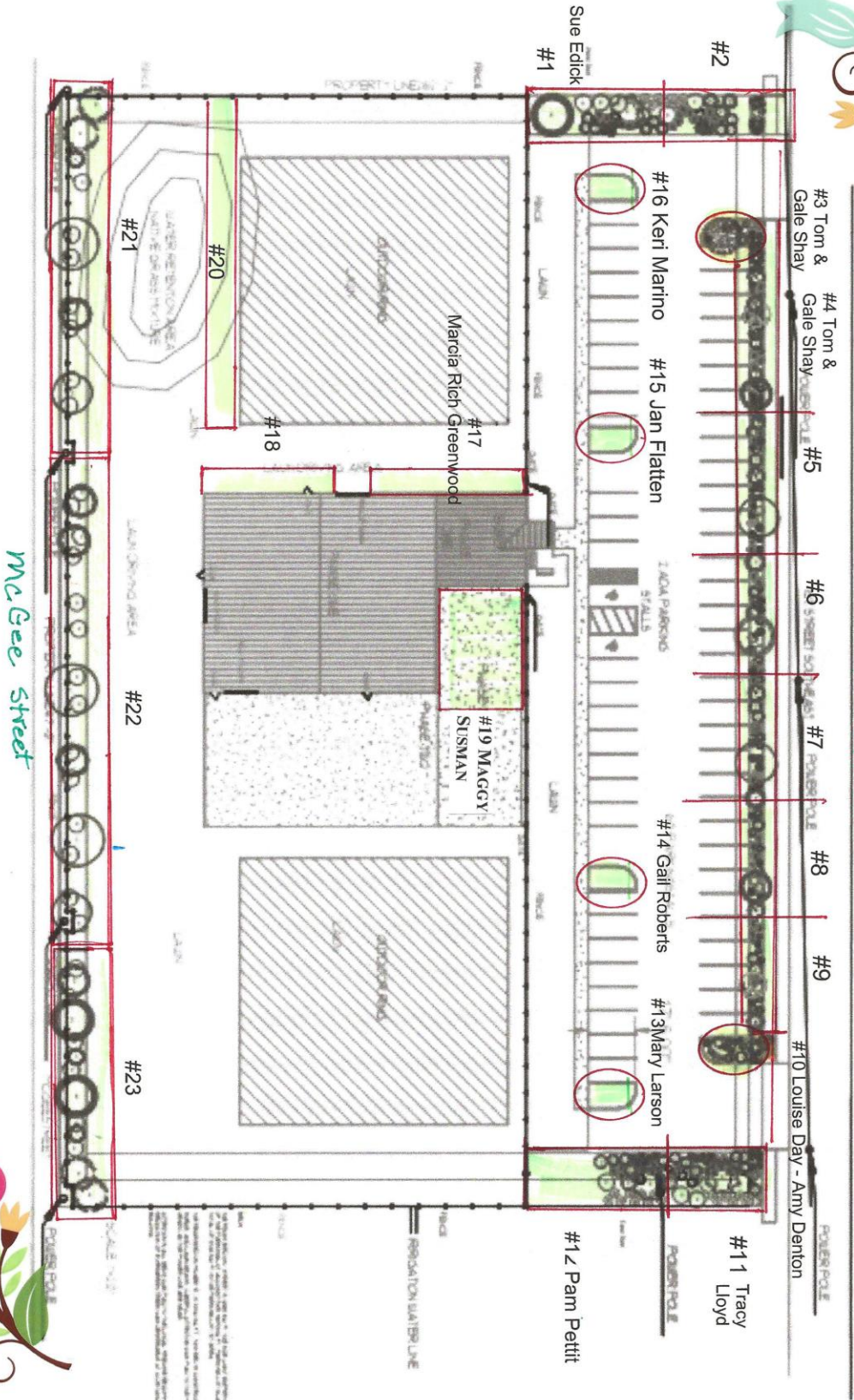
There are gloves and yard waste or garbage bags inside the Crate Room. A small shovel and a bag with hand tools will be added soon. Please return them to the Crate Room. Or bring your own supplies.

A map of the grounds (see next page) and list of adoptees will be posted in the training room by the exit to the potty area.



Adopt-a-Flowerbed

1st Street



McGee Street



WEED CLOTH Party



Between First Street and the WKC parking lot.

This year it is time to control the weeds along First Street. Your help is needed to lay and nail weed cloth to reduce the weeds on the north easement to the City of East Wenatchee. Wear your garden gloves and come prepared to pull weeds, stretch weed cloth, nail cloth down, secure with rocks, and enjoy the camaraderie of other WKCers.

We hope to see you at the WKC Training Center April 22 and or 23 (Saturday or Sunday) anytime you can make it between 9:30 am and 2 pm. (Approximately \$500 of the weed cloth and nails is being paid for by Thrivent Financial.)

Your Wenatchee Kennel Club Is a 501(c)(3) Organization

The benefits of 501(c)(3) tax status are an encouragement to both people and organizations to donate and benefit from IRS tax itemization. All of the WKC offerings make better handlers and strengthen the bond with their dogs. WKC members have been most generous in their giving and can be proud of the resulting benefits to our communities. (See the April 2023 *Good Life* magazine interview with WKC President, Louise Day, for an enthusiastic account of the community benefits of WKC.)

Some donations come from corporations as a “thank you” for customers. Please check if your regular shopping might earn dollars that you can direct to WKC. Examples are: Kroger (Fred Meyer) that donated \$127.95 and AmazonSmile that donated \$33.05 last year. (Amazon has discontinued that program.) Fraternal Benefit Societies and other investment groups may have funds for which you can apply. WKC has received \$326.00 from Thrivent Financial this year and qualifies for \$1,000 to purchase work party supplies. Some employers offer matching funds for employee donations. Individual donations to the Training Center building fund are \$350.00 in the first quarter this year.

Memorial gifts also may benefit WKC and offer a tax benefit to the donor. Donations for the north wing extension to the Training Center in memory of Lynda Pheasant have totaled \$1555.00.

All monetary donations are gratefully accepted by the club and will help to further serve the community and keep our prices for services the lowest in the area. Please direct WKC donation questions to Chuck St. John or John Njus and IRS questions to your tax preparer.



Louise's Corner

We are getting into our busy trial time in the next month with the Hunt Test May 6th and 7th and then the Scent Work Trial May 19 thru 21st. Lots of volunteers are needed for both events to make them the quality our exhibitors are used to from our club.

Please let myself or Norm know if you can help at the Hunt Tests in Almira. We are in need of two people to help Lori with meals. She is organized and easy to work for. We also need gate stewards and bird planters for both days. That is fun because you get to ride around on an ATV and put the birds out between braces. The weekend is fun watching the dogs do what they were bred to do. We also have dry camping available and it is free to top it off. An added plus is Lori's wonderful cooking. So if you can help the whole weekend or a particular day we need you.

Scent work takes many of us to help also. It helps if those who are not competing can come and help to allow members who do compete the pleasure of the event. That way when your special event comes up, they can give you the same help. Contact Cassie Dixon to sign up as a volunteer for the Scent Work Trial.

The Board met at the Masonic Center and discussed many ideas for our club in the next five years. The board will now be meeting at the Masonic Center on the first Monday of each month. This will help in the time slots for training. The regular meetings will stay the same time and place.

We just finished our first online class registration, and according to Tami it cut the time down by many hours. Thanks to the Woolseys for taking this on and bringing better customer service to everyone.

I am sitting in my hotel room typing this to get it in on time so please excuse any mistakes, I am not very good at using my lap top away from home.

Louise



Agility League - Winter Season Finishes Up

Woohoo! AKC started a new national "Agility League" competition this year, and seventeen WKC dogs in three teams participated in the Winter Session. Final results are in, and we're really proud of how well everybody did! The Senior team, the "Q Seekers," finished 21st of 40 teams nationally, and 5th for our region (Northwest). The Sophomore team, the "Rugged Runners," finished 5th of 19 teams nationally, and 1st in the Northwest region. The Freshman team, the "Cascadian Coursers," finished 7th out of 23 teams nationally, and 1st in the Northwest



Senior team: Darby and Emily Harbury, Evita and John Njus, Aspen and Jan Flatten, Zenyatta and Betsy Metcalf, Sunry and Sara Elzey (captain).



Sophomore team: Dixie with Cassie Paxton, Abby with Sara Elzey, Riley with Beth Blair, Azuza with Pam Jenkins (captain), Austin with Pam Petit. Not pictured: Boone with Michelle TeVelde, Astrid with Betsy Metcalf.

over the session. On the Senior team, the Clean Sweep awards go to Aspen (handler Jan Flatten), Darby (handler Emily Harbury), and Zenyatta (handler Betsy Metcalf). On the Freshman team, Quinnie (handler Marcia Greenwood) earned a Clean Sweep award. Congrats to all and thanks for joining us for some fun agility runs!

--- Sara Elzey, Pam Jenkins, and Tara Barrett



Freshman team: Iskie with Tara Barrett (captain), Quinnie with Marcia Greenwood, Mayday with Kelly and Lew Wagman, Luna with Paula Arno Martinez. Not pictured: Tolli with Tami and Mark Woolsey

There are still 4 spots open on the WKC teams for Summer League! Contact Sara Elzey for more info.

Membership Information

Brian Bourgeois, Membership Chair

The following application has been approved by the WKC Board and will be voted on at the April 30th membership meeting::

Jill Jaspers - Chinese Crested and Saint Bernard

Dog shows are her "sport of choice" and she wants to be more involved with dog shows and activities. Jill is interested in Obedience, Therapy, Scent Work, Agility and Fast Cat.

Do you have a friend or family member who is interested in joining the Wenatchee Kennel Club? Information is available at the membership tab on our web site: www.wenatcheekennelclub.com

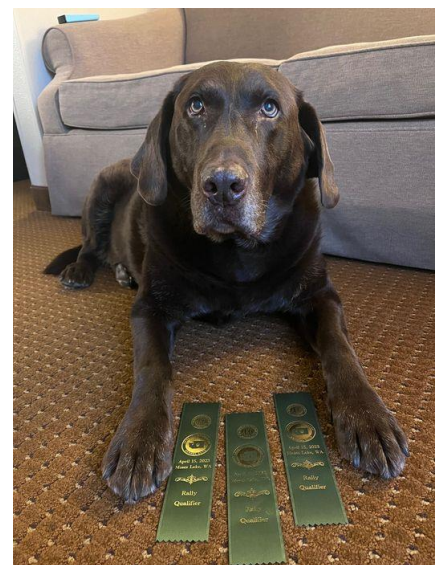


WKC Members News



Ginger Flatten earned her CGCU title at the urban CGC test. Just goes to show you can teach an old (almost 14yo) dog new tricks - in her case, she's a cat chaser, but held her long down stay when Carlos, the pet shop cat, sauntered less than 5 feet from her! Thanks to Doug Gallatin for the picture!

Karen Haase: Bullet made his human very very proud April 1st, by earning his 1st Rally Masters Q. (no joke) Then on 4/4 his Urban CGC. He also earned a triple Q in Rally Masters, Excellent, and Advanced B at the Moses Lake Rally Trial on 4/15.



Carla Duncan: GCH CH Sky Acres Time To Fly SWN RATN CGC ATT (Zulu) passed the Urban Dog test (CGCU Pending AKC) on 4/4/2023.



Shanna Davies: Ethel Grace got her CGCU title on 4/4/23. We now have all 3 titles for CGC.



Ziggy passed the Urban Canine test. Thank you Louise, Firehouse Pet Shop and volunteers!

Norm and Louise Day: GCHB CH Set'r Ridge's Benelli of Set-Point (Tessa) went Best of Breed both days at Moses Lake then on to a Sporting group 2 and Sporting group 1. Tessa is handled by Christy Marley and owned by Norman and Louise Day



Tabitha GCH CH Set'r Ridge's Eternity JH ACT1 ACT1J received an CGCU title this last month



Tara Barrett: Otter finished her Master Barn Hunt title (the MRAT) at Argus on March 25th. Many thanks to Linda Harbury for starting a group of Barn Hunt enthusiasts at WKC, to the Metcalfs for providing barn space for practices, and to Katie Hamilton and Judy Johnson for teaching classes. It was a long journey! Otter likes running around the ring and climbing on hay bales, but her 'prey drive' has always been pretty mild - she is curious about rats, squirrels, and cats, but doesn't try to catch them. Pet-sitting the WKC rats on a couple of occasions did help, because rats that she could see were a lot more interesting than rats in protective Barn Hunt tubes. And I've tried taking her to pet stores to watch the hamsters play. There has also been the problem of delayed rewards, because neither treats nor toys are allowed in the ring. I've had to learn to up my 'praise party' when she finds rats. Before we started Barn Hunt I'd been oblivious to just how much my food-motivated Lab also needs to be told that she's a Very Good Dog.

Otter zipped through her Instinct, Novice, Open and Senior titles in 2018-2019, but in the fall of 2019, we hit Tunnel Phobia and abruptly went from all-Q trials to an all-NQ trial. Barn Hunt requires three things: (1) find all the rats (2) climb up on the hay bales and (3) go through the tunnel. It just doesn't matter if your dog is able to find rats if they refuse to go through the tunnel. There were no trials in 2020 or the spring of 2021, and during that time I actually forgot that Otter had developed tunnel issues pre-pandemic. So I signed her up for a trial in the fall of 2021 at Union Gap, and once again she wouldn't do tunnels - six more NQs! There are problems you just can't solve in a trial, and tunnels are one of them, so we went to a tunnel clinic after that. That clinic helped and she happily did tunnels (sometimes over and over again) in a second fall trial in 2021. Yay!

But then last fall the dreaded Tunnel Phobia returned - eight more NQs at two separate trials. "Tunnels dark, tunnels scary." My sweet goof of a dog! She was still having fun running around the ring and sniffing out rats, and yes, Otter having fun is definitely the main point of any of our dog activities. But still the human half of the team thinks it would be nice to occasionally get a Q. So we drove over the mountains again this spring just for Otter to have a reminder lesson (tunnels = cookies), and that resulted in more happy tunneling at Argus and the last Q for her Master's title on 3/25.

Otter's getting just a little bit shaky climbing around the hay bales, so this is probably our last year of Barn Hunt. We'll enjoy a couple more trials this spring and maybe one in the fall. Otter will be the team member wagging her tail as she happily sniffs out rats, and I'll be the one telling her she is a Very Good Dog and anxiously waiting to see if the dreaded Tunnel Phobia reappears. Wish us luck!



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Mailing Label

CALENDAR

- **April Members Meeting** 7 pm Apr. 30 at the Training Center
- **WKC Hunt Test** May 5,6,7, Almira, WA
- **WKC Scent Work Trial** May 19,20,21 at Chelan Cty Fairgrounds
- **Current class schedules** and more info at www.wenatcheekennelclub.com.



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