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Upcoming Events

WKC Dog Show
Conformation,
Obedience, Rally,
FastCat
October 20-22
Chelan County
Fairgrounds

WKC Halloween Party
Sunday, October 29
6 p.m.
WKC Training Center

THE PAWPRINT

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wenatchee Kennel Club

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).

**October
2023**

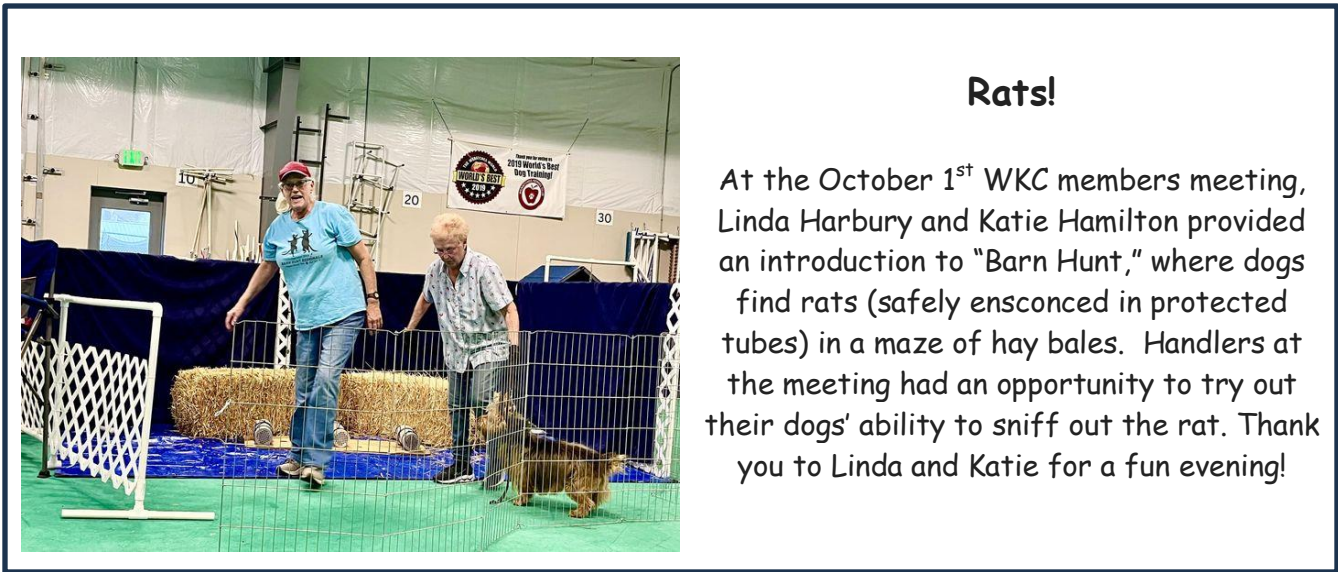
WKC Agility Trial



The annual Wenatchee Kennel Club's Agility Trial was graced by beautiful fall weather - cool mornings, sunny afternoons, good footing on dry grass - and an eclipse! Held October 13-15 at Confluence Park, dog and handler teams showed off their skills in four types of courses (FAST, Time2Beat, Standard, and Jumps With Weaves). It was particularly nice to see a good size Novice class, with several teams competing in their very first agility trial. And that raffle - wow! Many thanks to the chair, secretary, committee, and small army of volunteers who made it possible!

We'll have a full report next issue, but here's some pictures, courtesy of Sara Elzey, from the trial:





Rats!

At the October 1st WKC members meeting, Linda Harbury and Katie Hamilton provided an introduction to "Barn Hunt," where dogs find rats (safely ensconced in protected tubes) in a maze of hay bales. Handlers at the meeting had an opportunity to try out their dogs' ability to sniff out the rat. Thank you to Linda and Katie for a fun evening!



Membership Information

Brian Bourgeois, Membership Chair

New Members Approved by the BOD and General Membership at the Oct. 1 meeting:

Therese Jardine - owns a Golden Retriever and Border Collie and "wants to meet fellow responsible dog owners and continue training with her dog". Therese lives in Wenatchee and is interested in obedience, agility, therapy and scent work training.

Callie Craig - owns a German Shepherd and loves "the desire of everyone to help me get my dog to where I'd like him to be". Callie lives in Wenatchee and is interested in tracking, rally, herding, barn hunt, obedience, scent work and agility training. Callie is on our Halloween Committee.

Sara Serra and her husband own an All American dog, Penny. Sara and her husband are both from Italy and have actively participated in classes since 2019. Sara and her husband live in Wenatchee and are interested in scent work and agility training. Sara volunteered two days at our Fall scent work trail and is eager to help more.

Patti Shigouri and her daughter Laura Webb own an Irish Wolfhound. Patti was an assistant leader with Pat Putman in 4H Doggonits. Laura was a Doggonits member for years and bred, showed and finished Irish Terriers. Patti is retired and "would like to volunteer my time and knowledge to help others with their dogs". Patti and Laura live in East Wenatchee and are interested in obedience, conformation and scent work.

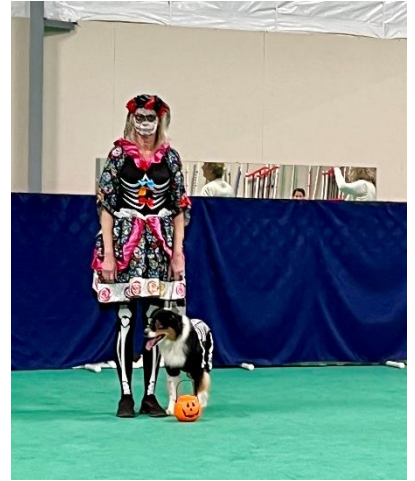
Do you have a friend or family member who is interested in joining the Wenatchee Kennel Club? Information is available at the membership tab on our web site: www.wenatcheekennelclub.com

Don't Miss the Halloween Party!

Sunday, October 29th at 6 pm

WKC Training Center

Need inspiration for dog and handler costumes? Check out some of these pics from previous years:





Emergency care - Do you know your after-hours options?

It's always scary when your dog experiences a health emergency. It's scarier when it happens at a time when your regular vet is closed. Large cities often have one or more 7-day 24-hour emergency care veterinary facilities, but Wenatchee does not. Some local veterinarians may have on-call staff that allow them to treat their regular patients after-hours in the case of an emergency, but not all do. And note, 'regular patients' probably means the vet that sees your dog every year - if you brought your puppy in one time for something 7 years ago, you may not be in their systems. One of our WKC members recently had an after-hours emergency with a family dog, wasn't able to get any help locally, and had to make the drive to Pasco (about 2.5 hours away) to a 24/7 hour facility with a dog with a severely broken leg. So WKC'ers: reminder that you may want to check with your vet (before you have an emergency) about what your options are if your pet has an emergency on an evening or weekend.

If your emergency involves something your dog ate, I've found the ASPCA's 24/7 poison control phone hotline helpful (but there is a charge) on two occasions, one involving Otter and some ingested foot warmers during her puppy days and one involving Otter and a bag of macadamia nuts taken from a zipped suitcase of a visiting relative. Then there was also the incident of Otter and the 2 pound bag of raisins (do you see a pattern?) during a camping trip in a national forest, which gave us the opportunity of locating a 24/7 emergency vet in Vancouver, WA and having a very long scary drive down out of the mountains. Which is a reminder, I guess, to not just check on your options for at home in Wenatchee, but to check your options for when you are traveling. I always appreciate that AKC trial premiums include information on local veterinary services.



WKC Members News

Linda Potts: Rio (at right) won the 1st place in FAST novice 20"!!
So surprised!! We had a great time at our first Agility Trial!!



Sara Serra: Penny (with Sara, at right) got 2nd place in FAST novice last Saturday.

Suzanne Metcalf: Astrid the Vizsla got her last Q in novice standard agility to get her title at the WKC agility trial. Three years of limited trialing and bird hunting instead of listening to directions also added to the long time between Qs.

Betsy Metcalf: Zenyatta the Rhodesian Ridgeback picked up her 2nd Master Elite Qs in Containers and Exterior at the Monroe Scentwork trial.



Kelly Boreson: Ellia (left) celebrated her 5th birthday by earning her very first AKC FAST qualifying ribbon! We had such a good time, both running the courses ourselves and watching all the other dogs run. I want to give a big shout out to my husband, Carey, for all his support and also to our Agility buddies, Tara & Willow, for being a big part of this weekend's fun.

Thank you to our wonderful instructors who were so kind to help us this weekend - Betsy, who walked EVERY course with us, Jan, who video'd our runs, and Pam J., Pam P. and Sara for all their tips and encouragement. I feel so fortunate to be a WKC member!

Tara Barrett: Otter (at right) went to the French Creek Barn Hunt, zoomed around like a puppy in her Master's B runs, did the tunnel in ALL four runs (!!!), and Q'd in 2 (handler error in the other 2). Little Miss Iskie Biscuit had a busy month, doing 2 days of barn hunt, 1 day of scent work, and 3 days of agility trials. Iskie did well at the barn hunt and scent work trials, focusing on her 'job' when running and staying calm and quiet in the busy environments, but I've decided trialing in agility is a little too much pressure for her as she got barky while running in the ring. She got 2 Q's in Open Barn Hunt (a 3rd and a 1st/High in Trial), 1 Q in Novice Scent Work Handler Discrimination (3rd place), and 1 Q each in Novice Standard (2nd place) and FAST (2nd place) agility. Although we are an agility 'trial fail,' Iskie has gained so much from her agility lessons, and we are going to keep practicing and learning in calmer settings. I hugely appreciate the patience and insight of all the WKC agility teachers - Linda, Pam P., Jan, Betsy, and Sara - who've helped us.



Michelle Tevelde: Boone got his third Q for open JWW and new title, then one last run Sunday earned his first Q in excellent JWW. Timme did not get any qualifying runs but gave beautiful zoomies throughout the weekend.



Aspen (left) and her mom Jan Flatten traveled to Monroe at the beginning of the month to participate in their first barn hunt trial in quite a while. Aspen has sure turned on to rats! She earned a whopping 340 points in Crazy 8s and her Crazy 8s Silver title (over 1,000 points, with 10 points being awarded for each rat found, each tunnel taken, and each time she climbed on a hay bale). She also earned her first two Qs in Master! She really worked hard and her mom is proud of her! Picture by Campfire Photography

Linda McFarland: Team "Angel and Linda" (at right) earned their overall Master's Scent Work title in Monroe and their Elite Master's Container title in Cashmere.



Melissa Larson: Ruby (left) earned her second Detective Q at the Monroe SW Trial. In great style, the last dog to run the search, and the only dog out of 27 entries to Q. So proud of my curly girl!



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CALENDAR

- **WKC Dog Show and Associated Events** Oct. 20-22, Chelan Cty Fairgrounds
- **Registration starts** for the Nov/Dec class session Oct. 24
- **WKC Halloween party** Oct. 29 at the Training Center
- **Current class schedules** and more info at www.wenatcheekennelclub.com.



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