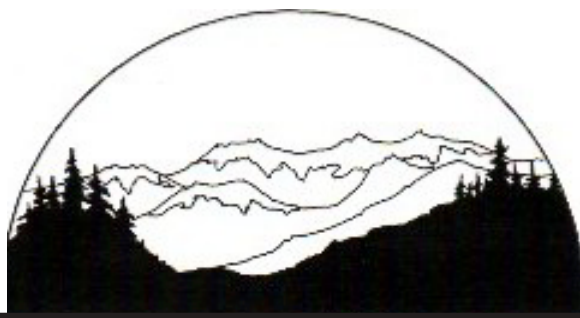


Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club

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Internet Humor

Ten top ways to tell if Martha Stewart is stalking your dog

10. There's potpourri hanging from his/her collar.
9. The dog's nails have been cut with pinking shears.
8. The dog toys are all stored in McCoy crocks.
7. The pooper scooper has been decorated with raffia bows.
6. That telltale lemon slice in the new silver water bowl.
5. You find liver and whole wheat dog treats stamped out with copper cookie cutters and decorated with royal icing using a #2 rosette tip.
4. Dog hair has been collected and put into wire baskets for nesting material for thebirds.
3. A seasonally appropriate grapevine wreath adorns the front of your dog's crate.
2. Your dog goes outside naked and comes in wearing a thyme colored virgin wool hand-knitted sweater with matching boots.

AND THE NUMBER ONE WAY YOU KNOW THAT MARTHA STEWART IS STALKING YOUR DOG IS...

1. The dog droppings in your backyard have been sculpted into swans.

Dues Are Due!

Send dues to:
Ron Fye, Treasurer
80 Cassidy Road
Sequim, WA 98382
Household \$25
Individual \$20
Associate \$15



President's Message

The prez's mess is in my yard!

I'm sure ready for a little sunshine and warm weather to get the grass growing. I've got a batch of little ones who are ready to get outside and start running around.

It's great to see progress in the kennel club. The website committee should have a proposed homepage for your approval at the meeting. This should make access to our club a little easier, and hopefully, an increase in active members.

The awards committee will give us some new interest also. I'm just not sure I want you all to know how many losses I rack up in a year.

I hope to see you all at the meeting. Come and share Sarah's treats, they are always special.

Joe Larson
President, HRKC

Calendar

February

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 General Meeting, Greywolf Clinic
- 20 Presidents' Day
- 22 Washington's Birthday
- 28 Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)

March

- 1 Ash Wednesday
- 8 International Women's Day
- 13 Purim begins at sundown
- 15 General Meeting, Greywolf Clinic
- 17 St. Patrick's Day

Minutes from the January, 2006 General Meeting

The general meeting of the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club was held at Greywolf Veterinary Clinic in Sequim at 7:00 p.m. on January 18, 2006.

The Club Meeting was called to order by President Joe Larson at 7:25 P.M..

Officers Present:

Joe Larson, President
Ron Fye, Treasurer
Mary Franden, Secretary
Nancy Tinker, Board Member

An attendance sign-in sheet was passed around the room: 16 members and 3 guests were present.

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Elaine Diedrich and Bernese Mountain Dog Cedar with his mobility cart.

A. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the December general meeting were read and approved as published in the newsletter.

B. President's Report

Joe asked for a roll call of the members who were present.

C. Secretary's Report

Mary reported receiving an offer of trophies from the Washington State Obedience Club for the highest scoring Novice A dog(s) at the July all-breed show.

D. Treasurer's Report

Ron reported on club expenses, income, profits and net worth. Documents for filing 2005 taxes have been sent to the club's tax advisor, Edmund Sledzik. 1099 forms for Judges' earnings have also been sent.

Ron noted that there are still some outstanding membership dues. If these dues are not paid by March 1st, the member will be dropped from the roster. To be reinstated, it would be necessary to go through the entire new member application process. Currently, there are approximately 95 members. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

E. Committee Reports

Historian, Membership, Public Education: No reports, chairpersons were absent.

Training

Chris was absent. Joe noted that Chris will not be running regular classes, but will serve as a resource on training, and hold CGC tests.

Newsletter

Patricia Pedersen reviewed the newsletter schedule: The deadline for newsletter submissions is the first Wednesday of the month, and the newsletter will be mailed on the second Wednesday so that it will be delivered prior to the monthly general meeting on the third Wednesday.

2006 Show Chair

Nancy Tinker will book rooms at the new Quality Inn as soon as they start accepting reservations. She will be scheduling a show committee meeting later this month. Mariko will be the 2007 show chair, and will be assisting Nancy with the 2006 show.

Spring Agility Trial

Premium lists are out. Trial dates will be April 7/8/9. Friday April 7th will be Excellent classes only.

Fall Agility Trial

Nancy led a discussion on the possibility of moving the September trial to Trail's End in Tumwater (Olympia). Agility entries were low last September. Possible causes would include the high local hotel costs, the high cost of gas, poor weather, and the distance competitors travel to Sequim.

Advantages of moving the trial would include: the arena is in an indoor, heated horse barn, there is RV parking with hookups next to the building, we wouldn't need to do a set up, we wouldn't need to water the grass at the Blake Family Property after the July show, and we would likely draw entries from Eastern Washington and Oregon. Our last fall trial had less than 300 entries; Trail's End usually pulls 500 +. *(Minutes continued on page 3)*

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A vote was held, and the membership unanimously agreed to hold the September 2006 agility trial at Trail's End, provided that venue is still available. Nancy will follow up.

Programs

Carolyn is planning a program about T-Touch canine massage for either the February or the March meeting. Please see Carolyn with any suggestions or ideas you might have about presentations for future meetings.

Club Awards

Nancy reported on the Club Awards Committee meeting results. The committee (Nancy Tinker, Sarah Kincaid, Melissa Smith, Irene Snodgrass) developed a list of suggestions for awards:

- * Most valuable member of the year (would require at least 6 nomination letters)
- * Awards for titles achieved, AKC as well as other organizations (Prizes such as HRKC pins noting the title(s) achieved could be awarded)
- * Most Conformation Reserves in the year
- * Best Puppy (from the 6-9 and 9-12 classes only. A point scale could be created to determine winning puppy)
- * Top winning dog of the year (BIS, Group, etc. wins)
- * Most titles in one year
- * Most hours in service (therapy dog) work
- * Hard Luck Trophy.

There would be a requirement that the award recipient is a member of HRKC and has attended at least 6 club meetings/year, not including the summer picnic and holiday party.

The award year would run from January 1, 2006 through October 2006 for the first year, and from September 30 to October 1 of the next year for subsequent years.

To be considered for awards, supporting documentation must be submitted to the committee. Details must be included so that achievements may be verified. Awards will be presented at the annual holiday party.

HRKC Website

A committee to work on a website for the club was proposed: Gerry Manser, Anne Andritsch, Patricia Pedersen, Mary Franden. The committee will meet later this month to discuss next steps.

F. Unfinished Business

Audit

Ron asked for volunteers to audit the books for 2005. Sarah Kincaid and Shelly Knapp volunteered to assist.

Raffle

Carolyn noted that we need donations of raffle items for the April agility trial. Half of the proceeds will go toward the HRKC disaster relief fund, half will go toward the Freestyle fund. Raffle items don't have to be dog-related, they can be anything.

G. New Business

Pet Fair

Joe explained that the board had discussed the Pet Fair, planned in conjunction with the Clallam County Humane Society, at the last board meeting. The board agreed that the club would apply for vendor space at this Pet Fair. Since then, the February 11th date for the fair has been cancelled, and at this time a new date has not been set. Joe asked the membership if we want to leave our vendor application in place. It was agreed that we will leave the application in place, but wait until we know the date of the fair to plan further. The HRKC would participate by staffing a table for a \$50.00 fee, and donating 3 raffle items.

H. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next general meeting will be held at Greywolf Veterinary Clinic in Sequim on February 15th at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Franden, Secretary



Minutes from the January, 2006 Board Meeting

The Board Meeting of the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club was called to order at *Goin' to the Dogs* in Sequim at 7:00 P.M. on January 11, 2006

Present: Joe Larson, Ron Fye, Nancy Tinker, Mary Franden, Anne Andritsch

A. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 2005 Board meeting were read and approved.

B. President's Report

Nothing to report

C. Secretary's Report

Mary reported a donation of two trophies by the Washington State Obedience Club, to be awarded to the highest-scoring Novice A Obedience dog(s) at the July all-breed show.

D. Treasurer's Report

Ron detailed current balances in club accounts. The rent is paid for the year for our general meetings. Some membership dues are not yet paid. Ron will follow up. Ron led a discussion on liability insurance renewal, and suggested accepting an option for property damage. The board agreed, and agreed to a renewal of our current policy for one year, with a different company, Equisure (an AKC affiliate). Ron also noted that the HRKC's AKC club number is: 2294.

Treasurer's report was approved.

E. Report of the Committees

2006 All-Breed Show

Nancy reported that she will be booking the judges into the new Quality Inn as soon as they start taking reservations. The price at the Quality Inn is in line with the Red Ranch pricing.

There was a discussion of entry fees. The board decided to keep them at the same level as last year. Nancy noted that Mariko Saum has volunteered to be the show chair in 2007, and will be assisting Nancy for the 2006 show.

Fall Agility Trial

Nancy led a discussion on a possible new

venue for the fall agility trial. Agility entries were low last September. Possible causes would include the high local hotel costs, the high cost of gas, poor weather, and the distance competitors travel to Sequim. A solution might be to try moving the trial to Trail's End Arena in Tumwater (Olympia) this year.

Advantages would include:

Less setup. The arena is an indoor, heated horse barn and we wouldn't need to do a set up.

Less maintenance: We wouldn't need to water the grass at the Blake Family Property after the July show.

Larger entries: we would likely draw entries from Eastern Washington and Oregon.

If we want to reserve the Arena for September, we need to let them know as promptly as possible. The board agreed to bring it up for discussion and a vote at the next general meeting, with the recommendation that we give Trail's End a try.

Awards Committee

Nancy noted that the newly created Awards Committee (Sarah Kincaid, Irene Snodgrass, Melissa Smith, and Nancy Tinker) will hold a meeting on January 17, and report back at the general meeting on January 18.

F. Unfinished Business

The board discussed the desirability of an HRKC website. It was agreed that Mary and Anne would chair a committee to follow up. Committee members were proposed: Gerry Manser, Patricia Pedersen, Anne Andritsch, and Mary Franden.

G. New Business

There was a discussion of the Pet Fair, planned in conjunction with the Clallam County Humane Society for February 11th, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The board agreed that the HRKC would participate by staffing a table for a \$50.00 fee, and donating 3 raffle items.

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There was also a discussion of possible venues for the summer picnic and holiday party. It was suggested that perhaps the Holiday Party could be a potluck this year, at a member's home, or some other private venue.

The board also welcomes the idea of a club

member hosting the summer picnic. Club members may offer picnics at any time that they might wish.

H. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Franden, Secretary

Editorial



Patricia Pedersen and Roy, Fire Ridge SDT, Walla Walla WA, Photo by Marroni

To be a "Dog of the Month", one does not have to be a champion in the show sense. Perhaps your special dog was a mutt from way back, one of your first dogs. That dog can be special to you by just being there during a death in the family or hard times when you needed that extra loving nudge.

Or perhaps you rescued your dog and he or she is now your special companion. Some dogs are special because they have been through tough times. Perhaps they are special because they have overcome physical and mental handicaps.

Or your special dog can be a champion. One who has taken you into the upper echelons of winners. Going to Westminster and winning best of breed would be special.

Or if you are more into performance like me, a dog that has enabled you to compete with the best in agility, herding, tracking, or obedience. Or a dog that does all these, conformation and performance.

We are so lucky to have the membership we have in this club. We are rich in special stories, some funny, some sad, some hopeful.

Dog of the Month

Over lunch one day, a friend mentioned something to get people more involved in the newsletter. "Why not feature at least one dog a month," she suggested.

"People can send in a picture of one of their favorite dogs, tell something that makes that dog special," she said.

I thought it was a good idea, but who do I chose. I have lots of pictures of all my dogs, past and present. Each was (is) special in it's own way.

All you have to do is send a short essay, about half a page or less, and a picture of either you and your dog or your dog. Tell us why your dog is extra special. We love K9 stories no matter what the outcome.

In the case of several submissions in a month, how many I can publish will depend upon space available. All submissions are subject to editing for grammar or content. I will be sure to send you a copy of the edited material for your approval.

Share your story with us.

Send your story and an attachment photo (if possible) to me with HRKC in the subject line. If you have to use regular mail, mail to my address and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope so I can return your photo to you.

See you in the newsletter!

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