
Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club

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President's Message

I would like to thank all who showed up for the show committee meeting. It's necessary to plan ahead so the show comes off well and the exhibitors enjoy themselves and come back for years to come.

We still need to finalize the trophy selections, as the exact information needs to be in the premium list, which goes in soon. Please feel free to submit suggestions.

Individual and breed specific trophies / prizes are welcomed but we need help with them at the show like getting the right trophy to the right ring at the right time for the appropriate award on both days.

This is just one of many show chores that can use your help. If you see a way to improve something in the future compared to the past, we are open to any and all suggestions. It's more fun if we can share the work to be done and share the joy of a job well done. We have great shows!

I'm anxious to see and use our new web site. What an awesome method to get our information "out there". Of course we must have a quality product to deliver, which we do!

I hope to see all 96 of you at the meeting.

Joe Larson, President

Dues Are Due!

Send dues to:

Ron Fye, Treasurer
80 Cassidy Road
Sequim, WA 98382

Household \$25

Individual \$20

Associate \$15

Obedience/Rally Stewards

We are going to run obedience and rally concurrently at the July 29/30 shows, so there is need for more stewards. I will need 6 for obedience and 5 for rally.

So, I am starting early to get my helpers lined up. If you want to volunteer to steward either, let me know which you would like to do and which days you can work.

My email is cornellc@olyphen.com, telephone 681-4440.

Thanks.

Chris Cornell, Training

Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in a car he sticks his head out the window!
— Steve Bluestone

Calendar

March

1 Ash Wednesday

8 International Women's Day

13 Purim begins at sundown

15 General Meeting, Greywolf Clinic

17 St. Patrick's Day

April

2 Daylight Savings Time begins

7, 8, 9 ..HRKC Agility Trial

9 Palm Sunday

12 Passover begins at sundown

13 Passover

14 Good Friday

16 Easter

19 General Meeting, Greywolf Clinic

Minutes February, 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 February 15, 2006. The meeting was called to order by President Joe Larson at 7:20 P.M..

Officers Present:

Joe Larson, President; Mariko Saum, Vice-President; Ron Fye, Treasurer; Mary Franden, Secretary; Nancy Tinker, Board Member; Anne Andritsch, Board Member

An attendance sign-in sheet was passed around the room: Seventeen members were present

A. Approval of Minutes

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

B. President's Report

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

C. Secretary's Report

Mary Franden reported on mail directed to the club offering dog show equipment and other products for sale.

D. Treasurer's Report

Ron Fye reported on club expenses, income, profits and net worth. There are still a few members who have their 2006 dues outstanding. Ron will follow up. Ron will also follow up on getting appropriate insurance documents for the fall agility trial. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

E. Committee Reports

Historian

Anne Andritsch brought the club scrapbook to the meeting for members to view.

Membership

Jan Garrison was absent.

Public Information

Penny Manser has contacted the **Sequim Gazette** in regard to getting meeting notices published. She has also arranged a 20% dis-

count for a business card-size advertisement in the **Visitors' Guide**.

The membership voted to purchase the ad. Penny requested a similar discount from the **Peninsula Daily News**, but was told they would not provide a discount. She will need advance notice on any event advertisements two weeks prior to the event, so that she can have an ad in place the week prior.

Newsletter

Patricia Pedersen passed around a clipboard for members to note their brags. She asked the members who are interested to write a short piece on a favorite dog, or other dog related topic, to include photos. Please participate!

The deadline for newsletter submissions is the first Wednesday of the month.

Training

Chris Cornell reported that he has learned that Sue Tyler will be holding classes to prepare for CGC/Therapy Dog tests. Chris can do the CGC and TDI evaluations together, for handlers who wish to earn CGC titles and TDI certifications. Chris will follow up with Sue.

2006 Show Chair

Nancy Tinker called for a Show Committee meeting. It was agreed to hold the meeting on February 21st at **Goin' to the Dogs** at 6:00 P.M.. Anyone who had an interest was encouraged to attend.

The committee still needs individuals to be responsible for parking and catalogue sales.

The club needs to decide about trophies for this year's show. We need to have trophy descriptions by early April so that it can be included in the premium. Practical items such as director's chairs, mats, crate dollies and stainless steel buckets were suggested.

Penny Manser will need to get show details from Nancy for advertisements.

Mariko Saum will serve as the show chair

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for 2007. Anne got the trophy letter out in the February Newsletter; Jan will be back the first weekend in March.

Spring Agility Trial

Nancy Tinker reported that Premium lists are out. Trial dates will be April 7/8/9. Friday April 7 will be Excellent classes only. We will need volunteers to help, and need to discuss the details at the March meeting.

The Blake Property grounds have some damage, and there may be areas that will require leveling. Chris Cornell will follow up.

There was a discussion of renting portable fencing to protect the grassy area from spring through the July show, especially after we start watering.

There was also a discussion on whether we should promote agility in the community, including advertising. Ideas were discussed for managing the public/visitors to our agility trials.

Fall Agility Trial

The fall trial has been booked at the Trial's End venue in Tumwater. We have placed a deposit, and selected the judges.

Programs
Carolyn Money was absent.

Club Awards

Nothing to report.

HRKC Website

The website committee met and created

an opening page for the website. Gerry Manser distributed copies of the page. The committee will continue to meet and develop links from the opening page.

F. Unfinished Business

B-OB Match

Sarah Kincaid suggested a possible June date for the B-OB Match. She will try to find a free weekend in the spring, and will propose a date at the next meeting.

Audit

Sarah and Shelley completed an audit of the club's books, and found them to be in good order.

G. New Business

Earth Dog Demonstration

Bonnie Short told the club that she is working toward accredited earth dog judge status, and suggested an earth dog demonstration after the all breed show. The membership agreed that we would hold the demonstration.

H. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.. The next general meeting will be held at Greywolf Veterinary Clinic in Sequim on March 15 at 7:00 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Franden, Secretary

Braggs

Bonnie Short's Cedarspring MoonLace finished championship at Linn County Kennel Club in Albany under Will Hahn, Breeder/Judge.

Shelley Knapp says, "Dungeness Shar-Pei haa four babies left. Anyone want one?" Contact Shelley at 683-7461 or bsknapp@olyphen.com.

Jennifer Haugland's Havanese Isabella Lisga (12-18 mo.) took 4th in group (Toy) at AKC Alaska Kennel Club Show in Anchorage, Alaska January 29, 2006.

Mariko Saum's boy Ch. Cobeauche Belenus Butterbear won BOB at Puyallup Show for Saturday and Sunday, January 14 and 15.

Congratulations to all!!!



To Spay or Neuter, or...ah...That is the question...

Hi Dog Friends,

Someone sent me the website below and at first was going to delete it because we have all our females spayed and I was in a hurry but I did go to it and read it and found it to be quite interesting and some things I had never even considered....

We had our first Golden spayed at 6 months before she came into season hoping we would keep her from getting cancer.... Well, she developed a lot of problems including having to have a TPLO for an anterior cruciate ligament tear and reading the article I am thinking we were unwise doing the early spay for all the reasons mentioned...

I got Promise at 6 and don't know when she was spayed but she seems normal in every way...

Sunny, we got at 18 months and she is way too tall for a Golden with long legs and was also spayed at 4 months and 10 days...so I am thinking she was also affected by the early spay according to the article...

Those of you who are breeders who want your pet puppies spayed before you issue their AKC papers might ought to do some more research about this very important health issue. Those of us with pets who want to keep them healthy should also...

I am no expert but it certainly caught my attention...

Carolyn Money

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:
Shortcut to: <http://www.caninesports.com/SpayNeuter.html>

Early Spay Neuter Considerations for the Canine Athlete by Chris Zink, DVM, Ph.D

There are a number of studies that suggest that those of us with canine athletes should be carefully considering our current recommendations to spay or neuter all dogs at 6 months of age or earlier. A study by Salmeri et al in 1991 (Salmeri et al JAVMA 1991;198:1193-1203) found that bitches spayed at 7 weeks were significantly taller than those spayed at 7 months, and that those spayed at at 7 months had significantly delayed closure of the growth plates than those not spayed (or presumably spayed after the growth plates had closed). The sex hormones close the growth plates, so the bones of dogs or bitches neutered or spayed before puberty continue to grow. This growth frequently results in a dog



that does not have the same body proportions as he/she was genetically meant to. For example, if the femur is normal length at 8 months when a dog gets spayed or neutered, but the tibia, which normally stops growing at 12 to 14 months of age continues to grow, then an abnormal angle may develop at the stifle. In addition, with the extra growth, the lower leg below the stifle becomes heavier (because it is longer), causing increased stresses on the cranial cruciate ligament. This is confirmed by a recent study showing that spayed and neutered dogs have a higher incidence of CCL rupture (Slauterbeck JR, Pankratz K, Xu KT,

Bozeman SC, Hardy DM. Canine ovariohysterectomy and orchiectomy increases the prevalence of ACL injury. Clin Orthop Relat Res. 2004 Dec;(429):301-5).

In addition, a study in 2004 in JAVMA (Spain et al. JAVMA 2004;224:380-387) showed that dogs spayed or neutered before 5 1/2 months had a significantly higher incidence of hip dysplasia than dogs spayed or neutered after 5 1/2 months of age. If I were a breeder, I would be very concerned about this, because it would mean that I might be making incorrect breeding decisions if I were considering the hip status of pups I sold that were spayed or neutered early. Interestingly, this same author also identified an increased incidence of sexual behaviors in males and (Spay...Continued on page 5)

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females that were neutered early.

A number of studies, including the one by Spain referenced above, have shown that there is an increase in the incidence of female urinary incontinence in dogs spayed early. This problem is an inconvenience, and not usually life-threatening, but nonetheless one that requires the dog to be medicated for life

Yes, there is the concern that there is an increased risk of mammary cancer if a dog has a heat cycle. But it is my observation that fewer canine athletes develop mammary cancer as compared to the number that damage their cranial cruciate ligaments. In addition, only about 50 % of mammary tumors are malignant, and those that are malignant don't metastasize very often, particularly in these days when there is early identification and removal of lumps found on our dogs.

In addition, when considering cancer, there is another study of 3218 dogs that showed that dogs that were neutered before a year of age had a significantly increased chance of developing bone cancer (Cooley DM, Beranek BC, Schlittler DL, Glickman NW, Glickman LT, Waters D, Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev. 2002 Nov;11(11):1434-40), a cancer that is much more life-threatening than mammary cancer, and which affects both genders.⁵

Finally, in another study,

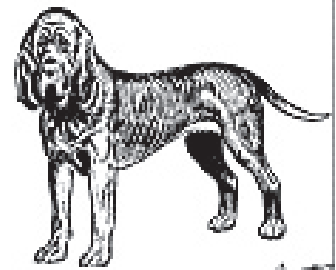
unneutered males were significantly less likely than neutered males to suffer cognitive impairment when they were older (Hart BL. J Am Vet Med Assoc. 2001 Jul 1;219(1):51-6). Females were not evaluated in that study.

For these reasons, I have significant concerns with spaying or neutering dogs before puberty, particularly for the canine athlete. And frankly, if something is more healthy for the canine athlete, would we not also want that for pet dogs as well? But, of course, there is the pet overpopulation problem. How can we prevent breeding while still leaving the gonads to produce the hormones that are so important to canine growth and development? The answer is by performing vasectomies in males and tubal ligation in females. The down side is that some unwanted behaviors associated with intact males like dog aggression, marking, humping are not affected by a vasectomy. On the other hand, it has been my experience that females and neutered males participate in these activities too! The other downside is that vets don't normally do this procedure. But some do, and maybe it is time that more learned.

In any case, I think it is important that we assess each situation individually. If a pet dog is going to live with an intelligent, well-informed family that understands the problem of pet overpopulation and can be trusted to keep their dogs under their control at all times

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and to not breed them, I do not recommend spaying or neutering before 14 months of age. In the case of dogs and bitches that might be going to less vigilant families, vasectomy and tubal ligation will allow proper growth while preventing unwanted pregnancies.



**Newsletter Deadline
is first Wednesday of
the month.**

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Meeting 7 P.M. March 15
 3rd Wednesday of the Month
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HRKC has a Rescue Referral only. We do not have resources to board rescued dogs. Members are encouraged to do so as an individual project.

HRKC Will NOT accept ads
 from pet shops that sell dogs.

Articles and news items appearing in the HRKC newsletter are general interest items and do not necessarily represent the policies of the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club of Washington, nor does their publication constitute endorsement by the HRKC.

Members are encouraged to submit articles of general interest and news of their activities. Deadline for submission is the first Wednesday of the month for publication in that month's newsletter. Photos and drawings will be considered on receipt and review.

Please include a SASE when sending submission so they can be returned to you.

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