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President's Message

Some of you didn't have a chance to have all of your thoughts heard at the last couple meetings.

Please feel free to use this newsletter as a means of being heard. If you are thinking something "doggy" I'm sure we'd like to hear about it too. If it must be said at the meeting, please be persistent.

The meetings could be more productive if we would let the programs wrap up a little quicker. Please, ask the questions that may benefit the club but get a contact name for the personal questions.

For those of you who have wanted an off-leash dog park you now have a group dedicated to that goal. Good Luck.

Joe Larson, President

Please Note:

Please, when telling folks about our activities, please make sure you mention the event to be held at "The Blake Family Property" or "near Carrie Blake Park," not Carrie Blake Park. The Blake family who has been very generous to the club will really appreciate it. Thanks.

July Raffle Items

A reminder that we are having a BIG RAFFLE at the HRKC show to benefit the HRKC Charities and the Emerald City K-9 Freestyle Dancers.

Please, look around your house, and if you might have received Christmas, birthday, or other gifts that you think someone else might enjoy more.

If you know any businesses that would donate something, please, ask them. We want to make this a successful event and need everyone's help.

You can start by bringing items to the meetings or call me so we can arrange for a pick up.

Carolyn Money 406-4078

Obedience/Rally Stewards

We will be running the obedience and rally classes concurrently at the July 29/30 shows, so there is need for more stewards this year.

I will need 6 people for obedience and 5 for rally. So, I need y'all to step up and help out.

If you want to volunteer to steward, let me know which (obedi-

ence or rally) you would like to do and which days you can work. You will be done about 1:00 P.M. each day and will get a great lunch for your efforts.

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

Thanks.
Chris Cornell

Braggs

Ute Dedmore's daughter Caitlin won Best Jr. Handler at the Schipperke Club of America National Specialty in March in Vancouver, WA. Caitlin is 15 years old and she was showing her dog Bonchien Prodigal Son aka "Cody."

Robin Kelley's Border Terrier Ch. Elwha Otter Nonsense won BOB at the Greater Oregon Terrier Association Specialty in January.

May Program

Sue Tyler and Chris Cornell will present a program on training your dog to become a therapy dog with Therapy Dogs International.

Calendar

May

- 2 CGC Classes start, Greywolf Clinic
- 14 Mother's Day
- 17 **General Meeting, Greywolf Clinic**
- 20 Armed Forces Day
- 29 Memorial Day Observed

June

- 10 CGC-TDI Test, Greywolf Clinic
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 **General Meeting, Greywolf Clinic**
- 18 Father's Day
- 24 B-OB HRKC Match

Minutes from the April 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 April 19, 2006.

The meeting was preceded by presentations from Cheryl Bowers on training assistance dogs for people with disabilities, and by Sandra Necco on the topic of a dog park in Sequim.

Officers Present:

Joe Larson, 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: 21 members were present.

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Larson at 8:00 P.M.. Joe asked for a roll call of the members who were present.

A. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March general meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

B. President's Report

Joe received the AKC Annual Report, and brought a copy for any who might be interested.

C. Secretary's Report

Mary summarized the new AKC Code of Ethics.

D. Treasurer's Report

Ron summarized club expenses, income, profits and net worth to date, as well as income, expenses, and profit from the Spring Agility trial. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

E. Report of the Committees

HISTORIAN: Anne received the Sequim Gazette article on the spring agility trial from Chris Cornell. There was no article in the Peninsula Daily News.

MEMBERSHIP: Jan asked that any changes in address/phone/email address be sent to her so that she can keep the club roster up to date.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Penny reported that we are getting our club announcements into the local papers, including the Sequim annual tourism guides. Nancy reminded the membership to be sure to refer to our show location as the "Blake Family Property", not "Carrie Blake Park".

NEWSLETTER: Patricia reviewed the newsletter schedule: the deadline for articles to be submitted is the first Wednesday of the month. The newsletter will be printed and mailed the second Wednesday, so it will be received prior to the monthly meeting. The newsletter is now online on the HRKC website. If anyone hasn't received their mailed copy, they should let Patricia know. If anyone wants additional information on articles in the newsletter, they should contact Patricia.

TRAINING: Chris Cornell was absent.

2006 SHOW CHAIR: Nancy reported that the Premium list will go out on May 4th. We will need volun-

teers to help with set-up. Irene and Mariko will be in charge of Judges' Hospitality. We still need people for catalog sales and parking. There is a general need for more participation from club members.

Jan Garrison thanked those who have pledged donations for trophies for the show, and asked that they send the funds to her at this time.

2007 SHOW CHAIR: Mariko was absent.

SPRING AGILITY TRIAL: Nancy reported that the spring agility trial went well, but that more workers, particularly trial monitors, were needed. There was a general discussion of ideas for ways we can encourage more club members to come out and work at our shows.

FALL AGILITY TRIAL: The fall trial will be held at Trail's End Arena in Tumwater on September 29/30 and October 1. It will be three full trials, Friday/Saturday/Sunday.

PROGRAMS: Carolyn asked that anyone with ideas for presentations/presenters please contact her.

CLUB AWARDS: Nancy provided details on the Awards Program for the club, including criteria for: most valuable member, most titles in one year, top conformation dog, most reserves during the year, best puppy in the 6-9 and 9-12 classes, most therapy visits, and breeder of the year. The year begins in November 2005, and runs through November 2006. To be eligible, a member would need to attend a minimum of 6 club meetings during the year.

HRKC WEBSITE: Mary reviewed progress to date on developing the website.

F. Unfinished Business

B-OB MATCH: Sarah was absent.

DOGWALK: Joe read a letter from Chris Cornell asking if the club would like to participate in the 3rd annual Tails to Trails Dogwalk on September 9th at Carrie Blake Park. He asked the club to once again loan equipment, schedule obedience and rally demonstrations, and organize a "Meet the Breeds" table. Nancy made a motion to participate as requested, and the members voted in favor. Joe volunteered to coordinate the "Meet the Breeds" Table.

G. New Business

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY, 2006: The members agreed to take up the topic for discussion at a future meeting.

ELECTRONIC TIMER: Sharon Johnson asked the club to consider the purchase of a second electronic timer for our agility trials, at an approximate cost of \$3,000. The membership voted unanimously to approve the purchase.

H. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.. The next general meeting will be held at Greywolf Veterinary Clinic in Sequim on May 17th at 7:00 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Franden
Secretary

Seminar on Reproduction Offered in Spokane

I'm writing to let you know that the Inland Empire Collie Club in Spokane, WA is sponsoring a seminar given by Dr. Robert Hutchinson, world renown veterinary reproduction specialist. Dr. Hutchinson's seminar is a "must attend" for any serious breeder who wants to learn more about reproduction.

I'm sending this out early in the hopes that

those members of your club that are interested in attending can sign-up early and take advantage of our price break.

In order to save bandwidth, I'm not attaching the flyer. However, it can easily be found on the IECC's website at www.inlandempirecollieclub.org. I would appreciate it if you would print it out and present it to your member-

ship at your next club meeting.

Also, thank you for making your contact information available on the AKC or your clubs site - I really appreciate saving the postage.

Please feel free to forward this to all your club members or anyone you think might be interested in attending.

Sincerely,

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HRKC Annual Awards

It's not too early to be figuring out who you would like to see given special recognition for his or her efforts and service. Contact Nancy Tinker for more information.

Here is an explanation of the award system to help you decide.

Members must attend at least six (6) meets a year to be eligible.

The dog submitted for consideration must be owned by a club member.

The year will be counted from the first of November to the first of November the next year

Most Valuable Member

- The person who gives exceptional time and effort for HRKC. At least six letters nominating members must be received by the nominating committee by the first week in November. These letters do not have to be for the same person, but there must be enough interest to award the award.

The committee will make the determination of the person they feel most deserves this award.

Most Titles in One Year

- The member who puts the most titles on dogs he or she owns in one year. This can be any recognized organization.
- Categories are: Conformation, obedience, rally, agility, herding, earthdog, freestyle, tracking, hunting, etc.

Top Conformation

- The top winning dog of the year is chosen by the most number of points received during the year. Points are as follows:
- BIS 100 points
- Group 1 75 points; Group 2 65 points; Group 3 55 points; Group 4 45 points.
- Best of breed 35 points; best Opposite Sex 30 points; Best of Winners 25 points; Winners dog or bitch 20 points.
- Reserve Winners 15 points.

Most Reserve Wins in One Year

Best Puppy

- Most wins from the puppy class 6-9 months, 9-12 months.

Most Therapy Visits

- You must keep track of therapy visits and submitted them to the committee

Breeder of the Year

- Breeder of record of most champions in one year

Award for Titles Won During the Year

- Titles won in Breed, Obedience, Rally, Herding, Agility or any title from a recognized source (approval of the award committee).

The Top 20 Reasons Dogs Do Not Use Computers...Courtesy www.TopFive.com

20. Can't stick their heads out of Windows '95.
19. Fetch command not available on all platforms.
18. Hard to read the monitor with your head cocked to one side.
17. Too difficult to "mark" every website they visit.
16. Can't help attacking the screen when they hear "You've Got Mail."
15. Fire hydrant icon is very frustrating.
14. Involuntary tail wagging is dead giveaway they're browsing www.pethouse.com instead of working.
13. Keep bruising noses trying to catch that MPEG Frisbee.
12. Not at all fooled by Chuckwagon Screen Saver.

11. Still trying to come up with an "emoticon" that signifies tail-wagging.
10. Oh, but they WILL... with the introduction of the Microsoft Opposable Thumb.
9. Three words: Carpal Paw Syndrome.
8. 'Cause dogs ain't GEEKS! Now, cats, on the other hand...
7. Barking in next cube keeps activating YOUR voice recognition software.
6. SmellU-SmellMe still in beta test.
5. SIT and STAY were hard enough, GREP and AWK are out of the question!
4. Saliva-coated mouse gets mighty difficult to maneuver.
3. Annoyed by lack of newsgroup, alt.pictures.master's.leg.

2. Butt-sniffing more direct and less deceiving than online chat rooms.

and the Number 1 Reason Dogs Do Not Use Computers...

1. TrO{gO DsA[M,bN HyAqR4tDc TgrOo TgYPmE WeljTyH P;AzWqS,.*



*It's ... hard to type with paws."

GREEN EGGS & HAM and DOG TRAINING?

by Suzanne Clothier

For most dog owners, Dr. Seuss's classic tale *Green Eggs & Ham* seems an odd place to look for inspiration. But as a Greek mathematician soaking in his tub found out centuries ago, inspiration can be found in the most unlikely places.

Trying to make it perfectly clear that he absolutely hates green eggs and ham, Sam I Am's friend describes where and how he *still* would refuse to taste this dish:

- in a house
- with a mouse
- in a box
- with a fox
- with a goat
- on a boat and so on. . .

Looked at from a slightly different viewpoint, *Green Eggs & Ham* might also be an accurate reflection of how many dogs view responding to a command. Here's a little spoof on what a dog might say:

I do not always heed commands
My dear but often silly man
I might not sit if near a goat
How could I lay down on a boat?
Perhaps I'd lay down in the house
But not if I have seen a mouse
Don't tell me "heel" when I've smelled fox
Or found the biscuits in the box
I'd find it odd to hear words said
If you were standing on your head
And wonder if "stay" means "do come here"
If you said it to me from a chair
I cannot always just obey
Whatever silly words you say
'Cause if I'm staring at the cat
I will not hear you - that is that!

It is easy to forget that we, just like our dogs, are creatures of habit. And while this is sometimes a good and helpful thing, it can also backfire - especially in a training situation. If we are using our bodies and/or voices in certain habitual ways while giving a command, the dog may depend upon ALL of those clues, even if we are not aware of them.

One simple and fun approach to improve your dog's response to your commands - no matter what's going on around him! - is to borrow ideas from *Green Eggs & Ham*. Ask your dog to sit here and there or everywhere! While you're in a chair, while you do your hair, at the store or on the shore. For each skill your dog has, try to find new and interesting ways and places for him to practice. Be patient - this may be news to him! Step back as needed to helping and rewarding, and take note of how much your dog may be leaning on in the cues you've provided unawares.

Very often, when we think a dog "knows" something, we forget that this knowledge may be very contextual - he only knows it at home or in familiar settings, or when you're standing in a certain way. Take the time to lay down on some grass, stare up at the clouds, and put your dog through his paces. It's an eye opener to realize how patterned we are - and thus how patterned our dogs can become.

About Suzanne Clothier

Involved professionally with dogs since 1977. Her background is widely varied, with experience in breeding, kennel management, grooming, showing, training, canine midwifery, puppy aptitude testing, instructing, behavior consultations, in-home training, K-9 Search & Rescue, holistic health care and various club memberships & activities (show/trial superintendent/secretary, and obedience chairman) Served as a committee member for the American Humane Association's Task Force for the Development of Humane Standards for Dog Training, and as a member of the AKC's Agility Advisory Board.

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Time For a New Approach

by C.A. Sharp

Continued from last month

Every population must deal with genetic load and lethal equivalents, but when the population is prevented having genetic exchange with other similar populations, genetic diversity within the population begins to diminish. Some of this may be beyond anyone's control. A breed's function may have become obsolete, resulting in only a few surviving members. This was the case with the Portuguese Water Dog. All present-day PWDs descend from a handful of dogs. Social, political or environmental difficulties may also preclude breeding, causing populations to crash. Many breeds experienced a genetic bottleneck at the time of World War II. With much of the world at war, dog breeding was not a high priority and populations in areas of military action were often wiped out or severely depleted. In such a situation, breeders can only make do with what remains. It's a tough row to hoe for the truly rare breeds, especially since the prevailing attitude that breeds must be kept "pure" prevents supplementing with fresh genetic material from similar, less impacted, populations.

Breed gene pools can fragmented into so many gene puddles when they are arbitrarily split along size, color or coat-type lines, with dogs of one color or variety prohibited from mating with those of another. No matter how diverse a breed may have been before such distinctions were made, afterwards breeders have fewer options when choosing mates and the eventual result will be increased inbreeding because there isn't anywhere else to go. One striking example of this is the Belgian Sheepdog in the United States. Outside the US this breed contains four varieties, all of which might occur in a single litter. The American Kennel Club lists three of varieties as entirely separate

breeds. The fourth isn't even recognized. In the US they cannot be interbred though throughout the rest of the world, they can...

Inbreeding continued

Changes in social conditions may also fragment breed gene pools. The Australian Shepherd was originally a working ranch and farm dog. Today there are far more Aussies than there are "jobs" on farms and ranches; so most are companion animals. Over the past three decades, the breed has

Inbreeding was once a valuable tool in shaping today's breeds. As these have now reached a high degree of homogeneity, it has lost its importance and turned into a fatal and disastrous habit.

-Hellmuth Wachtel, PhD

clearly split between working and conformation strains with a third, smaller, category of "versatility" animals whose breeders work toward a multi-purpose animal. There is also a population of "mini" Aussies dogs whose size is below the breed norm.

They are often registered as Australian Shepherds along with listing in a registry for minis. There is very little breeding between these various sub-groups though all trace back to more-or-less overlapping sets of founder animals.

One of the results of gene pool fragmentation is loss of alleles that may exist in the breed but didn't happen to occur in the founders for that variety. Genetic drift can cause further loss. Genes not being specifically selected for tend to "drift" out of the gene pool. Many of these will be for things so subtle they might never come to a breeder's direct attention. A dog has some 100,000 genes, only a relative few of which are for things we can readily observe or measure. Many of these genes cause minor variations in form or bodily function. Cumulative losses of such genes through genetic drift can reduce overall health and fitness without

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presenting consistent or identifiable signs; a dog may seem to be a poor keeper, unusually subject to minor ailments, or lacking in endurance. Even "typical" breed behaviors, such as herding ability, can be diminished

in this manner, if breeders are not using the behavior as part of their selection criteria.

The use of popular sires,

particularly multiple generations of them, can accelerate loss of alleles. A dog can only have a maximum of two alleles for any given gene. Excessive use of a single individual will skew the gene pool toward the alleles that dog happened to carry. Obviously, such a dog gets heavy use because he has desirable traits. Genes for those traits will become more common, but so will those for his lethal equivalents and more subtle ills. And if a deleterious gene is "linked" (sits close on the chromosome) to a desired gene the sire carries, the breed may suddenly find itself riddled with the problem that bad gene causes. It won't be easy to eliminate unless breeders are also willing to give up the linked desired trait.

Proponents of inbreeding often point out that mongrels have more genetic problems than purebreds. While it is true that mongrels, as a group, have more individual kinds of diseases and defects than any single pure breed, it must be remembered that each breed represents only a portion of the canine gene pool, whereas mongrels encompass all of

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it. If mongrels' defects are compared to those found among all pure breeds, the discrepancy disappears. Since mongrels usually are the result of random, unplanned breeding, the incidence of defects is low in the overall population. In pure breeds many of those same defects are common. For instance, progressive retinal atrophy and collie eye anomaly are rare in mongrels. Incidence of both is high in Collies.

It is becoming more and more apparent that the short-term gains of inbreeding are outweighed by its long-term costs. Present-day breeders need to re-think their strategy. Assortative mating the mating of phenotypically similar but unrelated or less-related individuals will allow breeders to reach their breeding goals while reducing the loss of alleles in the over-all population. To accomplish this it is vital that each breeder has a thorough knowledge of breed pedigrees. The typical three to five generation pedigree may indicate few, if any, common ancestors. But what happens if the pedigree is extended a few more generations? If two dogs share no ancestors for four generations, but share many in the 5th, 6th and so on, breeding them would be inbreeding.

All members of a single breed are, of course, related to some degree, though how much varies from breed to breed. Somewhere back in each breed's history there is a group of founders from whom all present-day dogs descend. Portuguese Water Dogs have very few, Australian Shepherds have quite a number, though not every Aussie goes back to all of them.

It is important to know who the founder individuals were, particularly if the breed is rare, split into varieties or experienced a significant bottleneck at some point in its history. A large number of founders allows for greater diversity (assuming those founders were, themselves, unre-

lated), but if some are heavily represented in comparison to others due to inbreeding on their descendants, diversity is at risk. Breeders should strive to increase the representation of the neglected founders whenever possible.

Calculation of inbreeding coefficients will give an indication of how inbred a dog or a prospective cross is. Knowing these numbers enables the breeder to make choices that will reduce inbreeding. Good books on animal breeding will have a section explaining how this is done, but calculating them by hand becomes cumbersome when working with a full pedigree. There are pedigree programs on the market which will perform these calculations.

Perhaps the most important issue is making health a top priority. It is obvious even to those who promote inbreeding that screening for genetic diseases and not breeding affected individuals is important. As tests become available which will detect carriers of genetic problems, they should be put to use. However, carrier status should not automatically preclude breeding of otherwise good individuals. Care should be taken that they aren't bred to other carriers and those who buy puppies from a carrier parent should be advised to screen the pup if they want to breed it. But eliminating proven carriers as breeding stock is throwing out their many good genes while avoiding one bad one.

Australian Shepherd breeders are doing this with Pelger-Huet Anomaly. PHA is lethal to offspring that inherit two copies of the gene, resulting in reduced litter size and neonatal deaths. Carriers rarely suffer any effects. Knowledgeable breeders use a blood test to screen and carriers are bred to non-carriers. Less specific aspects of health must also be considered. A dog that is a "hard keeper, or repeatedly comes

down with one minor ill or another should not be a breeding prospect. These individuals likely carry a surplus of genes which individually have only a small negative effect on health but cumulatively have produced an unthrifty individual.

A common result of inbreeding is "inbreeding depression," typified by small litter size or difficulty producing or rearing young. Bitches from families that consistently produce small litters may be suffering inbreeding depression. Animals which can only be bred or raise their puppies if they receive extraordinary human assistance are poor breeding candidates. This is not to say that people shouldn't properly house and care for their animals, but if a dog is indifferent to bitches in standing heat or a bitch needs to be physically restrained to keep her from resorting to fight or flight in an attempt to prevent mating, or won't settle without veterinary intervention, or is apt to kill or damage her puppies through intent or neglect, these are signs of inbreeding depression and that animal shouldn't be bred. Breeders should not go to excessive, near surgical, lengths to control the environment for newborns, nor should they use heroic measures to keep failing whelps alive. (For those who find this too callous: Save them if you will, but don't breed them.) Inbreeding gave us the many breeds of dog we enjoy today, but its time is past. If purebred dogs are to remain viable into the next century breeders need to rethink their strategy and work toward their goals with more emphasis on over-all health and concerted efforts to reduce the level of inbreeding in their dogs.

“The more I see of
men the more I
like dogs.”

—Madame de Stael 1766-1817
French social leader.

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