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President's Message

Not only has 2009 ended, but the first decade of this century has passed, too, and that is a scary thought! I went back to see what my last year's January message was about. I spoke about setting goals and what my particular goals were for my dogs. Looking back over those goals I did manage to accomplish three out of six written goals, and three others that I hadn't even thought of. Here are the ones I accomplished:

Brandy earned her Novice Jumpers and Novice Standard Agility titles
Brandy earned her Novice Draft title
Gandalf finished his Championship
Frodo earned his Herding Instinct title
Brandy earned her Herding Instinct title
Frodo passed the Collie Carting Test and earned a CRX title

You are probably wondering what we didn't complete?

Frodo's CD
Brandy's CD
Frodo's Open Draft title

So I have two things to work on this year that are left over from last year. Frodo will not be able to do the Open Draft Title; his shoulder injury from years back prevents him from being able to pull the necessary weight that is required for this title. But we can work on an Advanced Novice Draft title and a Novice Brace title with Frodo and Brandy.

I have things I want to do, but I also have to be realistic regarding my knee injury and the time it will take to heal. This year my goals have to do with getting healthy enough and strong enough to just compete with my dogs. My first goal is to be able to show my new puppy, Ivie, at the Canadian National Specialty over Easter weekend. My second goal is to compete at the US National Specialty in Wisconsin, and my third goal is to be able to compete in our spring agility trial. Sometimes life throws us curve balls and you can either decide to strike out or hit them out of the ball park, I plan on hitting a few home runs this year and invite you to join me in doing so, as well.

Let's make 2010 the best year ever. Our club has come so far in the past couple of years and I am excited to see so many new members. Many of our new members are actively taking on club responsibilities, and I look forward to continued membership growth, especially now that AKC has opened Agility and Obedience/Rally trials to mixed breed dogs. Let's welcome anyone who wants to participate. I would also like to see our club work more closely with the local 4H clubs to encourage the local young people to enjoy the fun of doing things with their dogs. I see this as a win-win situation for everyone.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year filled with lots of accomplishments!

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- Susan Parr

HRKC Calendar

- January 13: HRKC Board Meeting. Time, TBD. Goin' To The Dogs. 53 Valley Center Place, Sequim.
January 20: HRKC General Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Greywolf Veterinary Clinic. 1102 E. Washington, Sequim.
February 17: HRKC General Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Greywolf Veterinary Clinic. 1102 E. Washington, Sequim.
March 10: HRKC Board Meeting. Time, TBD. Goin' To The Dogs. 53 Valley Center Place, Sequim.
March 17: HRKC General Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Greywolf Veterinary Clinic. 1102 E. Washington, Sequim.
April 21: HRKC General Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Greywolf Veterinary Clinic. 1102 E. Washington, Sequim.
May 14: HRKC Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Goin' To The Dogs. 53 Valley Center Place, Sequim.
May 19: HRKC General Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Greywolf Veterinary Clinic. 1102 E. Washington, Sequim.
June 4, 5, & 6: HRKC Agility Trials. Times, TBD. Blake Family Property, Sequim.
June 16: HRKC General Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Greywolf Veterinary Clinic. 1102 E. Washington, Sequim.
July 14: HRKC Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Goin' To The Dogs. 53 Valley Center Place, Sequim.
July 21: HRKC General Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Greywolf Veterinary Clinic. 1102 E. Washington, Sequim.
July 23, 24 & 25: 2010 All-Breed Show, Obedience & Rally Trials. Blake Family Property, Sequim.
August 13, 14 & 15: HRKC Agility Trials. Times, TBD. Blake Family Property, Sequim.

Show Committee Meeting

Joe Larson reports there will be a Show Committee meeting prior to the Board Meeting January 12th, 6:00 p.m. at Goin' To The Dogs. We will be making a list of prospective judges for the 2011 show. Ideally, the 7 Conformation judges would be able to each judge 2 groups. There are several things to consider: **1)** Popular judges attract a big entry, **2)** Geographically close judges save on travel, **3)** Husband & wife judges save on car rental and hotel expenses. It's your club, and this selection is one way to participate. If you can't make the meeting please let Joe or any Board Member know your suggestions. The judges will be voted upon by the general membership before a contract is awarded. Contact Joe Larson at: 360-460-1967, lilmac@olypen.com

Being Thankful

I have so much to be thankful for. I have wonderful friends and family, good food on the table and a roof over my head. I'm thankful for kind strangers, good neighbors and the beauty of nature. But most of all, I am thankful for dogs.

I am thankful for the wake-up call of a cold, wet nose, and for snuggling to keep warm on chilly nights. I am blessed by the fur that is permanently embedded in everything I own, and the stray dog hairs that make their way into my lunch

I am grateful for having a third of the bed to sleep on, and for getting to use half of the covers. For the tail that wags and the nose that sniffs. For the eyes that gaze longingly at my dinner plate, and for the jaws that destroy all squeakers, but never harm people.

I'm beholden to the "tic, tic, tic" sound of paws on the floor, reminding me that a nail trim is due, and the forgiveness after the dreaded task is done. I appreciate the barking that tells me a stranger is at the door, and even the barking that warns of potential danger from squirrels and pedestrians.

For endless games of fetch, Frisbee and tug-o-war. For kibble-scented kisses and funky smelling feet. And for coming when called (usually). For all this, I am glad.

For the excited greeting upon my return, even if I've only been gone for a minute. The sheer glee of puppies to the patience and wisdom of seniors, and the unconditional love and affection, especially on my darkest days. For making me feel as if I am the most special, I am thankful to my dog...
- Author unknown

Braggs and Fun Photos

Charlotte Metzler has a new litter of Border Terrier puppies, five boys and one lone girl! Below right, Charlotte was able to get six 7-week old babies to all sit at once. Below left, Momma gives her pups a lesson in manners. All the puppies are going to their new homes soon. Congratulations Charlotte!



Mariko Saum has brags for her Bouvier des Flanders: Below right, handled by Dixie Rae is: CH Jack Of Hearts Des Clanmoore (out of CH Cobeauche Bijou Brillant x Vanleihg of Grace v Clanmoore) who finished with a Best of Breed and a major (he went over three Specials) at 19-months old under Judge William E. Usherwood. He also won Winner's Dog and Best of Opposite Sex Saturday (over a Special) under Judge Fred C. Bassett.

Below left, handled by Mariko, is: Clanmoore's Heart Of A Hero D'Cobeauche taking Winner's Bitch. Lexi is litter mate to Jack. She won Winner's Bitch both Saturday and Sunday.

Congratulations Mariko!



Rory Haggerty's Boston Terrier is new UKC Grand Champion Harmony Hills Riviera Paradise "Duke". Duke finished his GRCH title over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend and also climbed the Boston Terrier Top Ten list to the #3 Boston Terrier for 2009. "Duke is a blast to show and he will now be working on getting some titles after his name, first up will be weight pulling. Congratulations Rory!"

Editor's Note: You can visit Duke and congratulate him in person at Rory's brother's business in down town Sequim: Sequim Wrap Parcel N Post. Duke is the official customer service greeter and, rumor has it, occasionally helps wrap packages.



Heather Olson reports: "Silhouette RC Gypsy Maiden, CGC, TDI formerly known as "Gypsy" was started in basic obedience, agility, and weight pull when we first got her. Gypsy was bred by my mother, Tina Olson of Raven Crest. When we made the hard decision to down size I knew it would take an extraordinary home in which to place Gypsy where I felt she could really shine. For those that may recall in a previous newsletter, this is the little Papillon who out-pulled one of Rory Haggerty's Boston Terriers with a drag sled weight of approx. 60lbs. Not too long after, I received an email asking about our silly girl.

Now known as "Kili", she is a gorgeous two-year old owned and adored by Julie Pitt and big sister Catahoula, Nola. In five short months they have become a terrific team! Kili is just starting her agility career and at her first US-DAA trial, hosted in December by the Rainier Agility Team (Kili's second trial ever, her first was CPE and she qualified in those classes also), she successfully qualified in Level 1 of the USDAA Performance Program in Jumpers and Gamblers.

In her 1st place Jumpers run, she ran 4.46YPS -- not bad for a dog who only started to training in June! Julie and Kili live in Seattle. We could not be more proud of Kili and we hope to see them this year at the HRKC trials." Congratulations Heather & Jeremy! (Photos by Bruce Webber, *Northwest Dog Shots*, www.nwdogshots.com)



A Christmas Puppy for Elaine! At long last, your newsletter editor has a brag of her own! Elaine Booker reports that she and hubby, Michael Goodwin, welcomed a new German Shepherd puppy into their family just before Christmas! Here she is: Pandora's Halo von Sonnentanze (called "Dorie"), now 12-weeks old, bred by Sharon Smith, Dorie immediately made herself at home and is having lots of fun playing with Rosie and Boomer. Dorie is already an expert car traveler, is housebroken, crate trained, and has started puppy classes (*she'll be ready for Harvard any day now!*). "Many thanks to Sharon Smith for including me in all aspects of this pup's life, from details about her choice of a sire, to breeding, to assisting with the whelping, handling, socializing and caring for this litter—even before I picked out my pup! I know of no other breeder who would involve a puppy buyer to this degree, and I am so very grateful for your generosity and kindness."

Starting clockwise below: Dorie is ready to leave for her new home; testing out her new bed and toy snake; sporting her new harness during her first visit to Hurricane Ridge; showing off her beautiful profile; and, finally: serious napping after a busy Christmas morning playing with new toys from Santa.



"A grandfather drove his grandson to try out for the Christmas pageant at church. The grandson emerged all excited.

"I got a great part, Grandpa!" he said.

"Oh," said Grandpa. "What part did you get?"

"I'm going to be a dog!"

"A dog?"

"Yup. A shepherd."



Doris Brown reports: "Snowview Shelties would like to announce our newest addition, "Snow Orchid" - hopefully one of our next champions." Congratulations Doris!



Heather Olson sent a special New Year greeting to the HRKC membership.



Greetings from Abroad - Claudia Brown sent no brags....but she is enjoying her holiday in England with her daughter, and sent us her greetings. Although she is getting tired of snow, snow and, more snow, with a little bit of luck it will clear up so they may actually go out and about!!!

Have fun, Claudia, and bring us lots of souvenirs!

Dog Contracts H1N1 Flu

By Marilyn Wilson, December 23, 2009:

A dog in Westchester County, New York is the first in the nation confirmed to be carrying the same strain of swine flu that is infecting humans, medical experts said.

The 13-year-old mixed-breed male, who is recovering, apparently caught the virus from his owner in White Plains. Michael San Filippo, a spokesman for the American Veterinary Medical Association, said there's no evidence that the flu strain can be transmitted from a pet to a person.

"In theory, it could happen, but so far, it's really looking like a dead end in pets," he said.

Dr. Anne Schuchat of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said that animals can carry and spread flu viruses, but such cases are rare and people should not be afraid to enjoy their pets.

The CDC reported this month that swine flu appears to be waning among humans. It said infections were widespread in 25 states, down from 48 in late October.

San Filippo said the dog's diagnosis of the 2009 H1N1 virus was confirmed at two labs. The dog, suffering breathing problems, was taken to the Katonah Bedford Veterinary Center in Bedford Hills on Dec. 13.

The medical director there, David Sachs, said he had the dog tested for swine flu because its owner previously had the virus.

The maker of the test, Idexx Laboratories, said it determined the results were positive and sent them to the veterinary lab at Iowa State for confirmation.

Among pets, cats and ferrets have previously been found to catch the swine-flu strains from humans, and at least one cat and one ferret have died, San Filippo said.

He said the veterinary association is recommending that people with ailing pets simply wash their hands often. If swine flu is suspected in either owner or pet, he said, "isolate yourselves from each other, which we realize is only possible to some degree."

Ann Hohenhaus, spokeswoman for the Animal Medical Center in New York, said if a pet or an owner is sick, "Don't play kissy-face with your dog or your cat or your ferret. You wouldn't with your kids if you were sick, so don't do it with your pet."

Marybeth Close, CEO of the Canine Kingdom, said that pet parents should not panic. "The H1N1 is waning and it has not severely impacted our pets. Additionally it appears that we are infecting our pets. Let common sense prevail. So, if you are sick avoid contact with them. It is important that you know just how sick your dog is. H1N1 along with the dog flu can symptomatically mimic kennel cough which generally resolves itself on its own. Call your vet, get advice, take your dog's temperature and know when it's time to get treatment." Close also advised dog parents that there is no H1N1 vaccine certified for canine use. While there is a provisionally released vaccine for the dog flu it is not recommended for the general dog population.

Source: <http://blog.caninekingdom.com/?p=91>

Report the Excessive Lobbying Activities of HSUS

Please join us in one of the greatest national campaigns that have ever been launched against HSUS!!!!

Mr. Frank Losey, renowned consultant, lobbyist and attorney in Washington D.C., has spearheaded a nationwide campaign to report the excessive lobbying activities of the Humane Society of the United States to the Internal Revenue Service. Disguising itself as a charitable organization, they are using excessive amounts of their donations for lobbying purposes, which is in direct violation of their tax exempt status.

Mr. Losey requested that the first round of certified documents be sent to the IRS nearly two weeks ago, complete with evidence of the activities of the HSUS that he had provided. The second request specified massive numbers of letters, including the documents, to be sent from the Midwest, which has been a major target by the HSUS to eliminate dog breeders.

Phase three of his strategic plan is asking for simple letters to go in to the IRS if you have not already sent yours. We need massive numbers of letters to go in NOW to continue our mission of exposing the HSUS and their excessive lobbying activities. Join us now as a huge ground swell rises throughout the country to take back our animals and our rights. We MUST stand together as ONE and WE ARE!!! Help us, help yourselves and help your family and friends by joining forces to complete our mission to Spay/Neuter HSUS!!!!

Please follow the directions below. If you have not sent your letter, please copy this one and send immediately:

Dear Tax Fraud Investigator,

I am asking that you please investigate the Humane Society of the United States for excessive lobbying activities as a not-for-profit tax exempt charitable organization. Their tax identification number is EIN530225390.

Thank you for looking into this important issue. Please keep my identity private.

Sincerely,

(Your signature)

Name
Address

Please place in a separate envelope for each letter sent, and mail to:

Internal Revenue Service
Fresno, CA. 93888
(No street address or box number is needed)

Please send by CERTIFIED MAIL. You will get a receipt from the post office when you send by certified mail. Please make a copy of the certified mail receipt and fax or mail to:

Frank Losey
2029 Tampa Blvd.
Navarre, Florida 32566
or fax to: 1 (479) -299 - 4417

Mr. Losey must have copies of the certified receipt for Phase Four of his strategic plan. Together, we will make a difference! This is snowballing into a huge success! Our goal is to have thousands of letters from throughout the country go to the IRS concerning HSUS and their activities. We want the IRS to be swamped with letters upon their return from the holidays. Be a part of our national movement of thousands of animal owners. Many organizations, clubs, agricultures interests, exhibitors, and countless animal enthusiasts are getting on board. Think of family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances that you have, and ask them to sign letters that you have written and copied, or write their own, and let's show HSUS who is REALLY in charge!

HRKC—General Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2009

The December General Meeting of the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club was called to order at Greywolf in Sequim on December 16, 2009 at 7:10 p.m..

Officers Present: Susan Parr, President; Elaine Booker, Treasurer, Anne Andritsch, Secretary; Board Members Nancy Tinker and Melissa Smith.

An attendance sign-in sheet was circulated: There were 21 members present. Roll call was taken.

President's Report

Susan welcomed the members.

Secretary's Report

Anne read correspondence received from the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA). NAIA's mission statement is to promote the welfare of animals, to strengthen the human-animal bond, and safeguard the rights of responsible animal owners and professionals through research, public education and sound public policy and laws. NAIA was requesting a donation. A motion was made to donate \$50.00 to NAIA; motion seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Elaine Booker reviewed current balances in club accounts. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

All-Breed Show – 2010 (July 30, 31, and August 1, 2010)

Joe Larson scheduled a show meeting for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at Goin' to the Dogs. There was discussion about having a specialty in conjunction with our show. If no clubs want to hold their specialty on Friday (July 30), it was recommended that we schedule a mixed breed obedience trial.

Old Business

Election of 2010 Officers:

Elaine read the 2010 slate of officers. Nominations from the floor were called; none received. The secretary reported that no nominations had been submitted to her. Nominations were then closed. A motion to accept the 2010 slate of officers as presented was made; motion seconded. Motion carried. The 2010 Slate of Officers is: President: Susan Parr; Vice President: Kimberly Gibbons; Treasurer: Elaine Booker; Secretary: Anne Andritsch; Board Members: Nancy Tinker, Glorene Hanson, and Lorraine Shore.

Repairing Agility Equipment

Sharon Johnson reported that after additional research it would not be advisable for the Club to purchase the materials and have volunteers do the resurfacing work on the contact equipment. It was suggested that Rich at Agility A Go-Go be hired to resurface the contact equipment. His work is guaranteed and he will pick up and deliver the equipment. A motion was made to have Rich at Agility A Go-Go do the resurfacing of the contact equipment; the cost is (approximately) \$870. Motion seconded; motion carried.

Holiday Party

Nancy Tinker asked how the members enjoyed the holiday party and received a favorable response.

New Business

The January board meeting will be held on Tuesday January 12 instead of Wednesday due to a conflict in schedules. The meeting will be at Goin' to the Dogs and held after the 2010 Show Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Andritsch, Secretary



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The Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club of Washington (HRKC) supports reputable breeders of purebred dogs and promotes responsible pet ownership. We encourage all pet buyers to research the various breeds to determine the one that is right for their lifestyle. We encourage all pet buyers to understand that there are inherited genetic traits in dogs that may impact health, longevity and temperament. The pet buyer should understand the financial commitment associated with pet ownership.

If you are considering a cross-bred dog, research the characteristics and health issues of each breed and their ancestry. Many unsuspecting pet buyers purchase animals that inherit health problems from both its sire and dam's respective breeds. Mixed breed dogs can now be registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC) and, in 2010, the AKC will provide venues in HRKC events to include mixed breed dogs to compete and be titled in AKC performance sports, e.g., agility and obedience.

What to know before you purchase a pet from *ANYONE*:

Internet scams are frequently conducted by con-artists who take emotional advantage of unsuspecting buyers. If buying a dog from a website, **DO NOT** send money without first speaking with the breeder and checking the breeders' references and credentials. If you are interested in buying an AKC registered dog, verify that the breeder is a member in good standing of an AKC Member Club.

Seeing a puppy in a pet store cage can create a strong emotional attachment on the part of the buyer. Potential buyers should find out where the pet store gets the puppies and make certain that they **DO NOT** come from an environment that has unhealthy conditions and unhealthy breed stock.

If buying a puppy directly from a breeder, visit the kennel and ask to see the kennel grounds. All kennels should be clean with sufficient room for the dog(s) to move in, lie down and has an area in which to sleep that is sheltered from the weather.

Ask to see in person, or photographs of, the puppy's sire (father) and dam (mother), as well as a 3 to 5 generation pedigree, and information about any progeny that the sire & dam have produced. Buyers should ask about health testing and health clearances of the breeder's breeding stock.

Buyers should be aware that purchasing a puppy without performing appropriate research, as suggested above, could result in heartbreak and catastrophic financial outlay for the lifetime of an animal with health and temperament issues.

Require a clearly written contract that defines the expectations of how and when the puppy will be paid for, and anything else expected after the purchase of the puppy. Example: spay/neuter, training, health checks, etc. Include in the contract a clause that your own veterinarian must provide a "clean bill of health" for the puppy or your money will be refunded.

Dogs marketed as "AKC-registrable" come with an AKC Dog Registration application filled out by the seller. **DO NOT** buy a puppy if the AKC Dog Registration form is not provided when you take possession of the puppy. AKC does not accept registrations from other domestic registries. Your puppy's registration papers should have the official AKC seal, which can be viewed at: www.akc.org.

Advertise in the Dog Eared Journal!

Full Page Ad: \$25; Half Page Ad: \$10; Business Card: \$5/month; Members may place a small personal ad at no charge.

Articles and news items appearing in the 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 upon receipt and review. If you wish any hardcopy submission to be returned to you, please include a SASE with your submission.

Send submissions to:

Elaine Booker
HRKC, P.O. Box 2740, Sequim, WA, 98382
Or email at: goodwin_booker@msn.com

HRKC does not accept ads from businesses that sell live animals.

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.

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