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President's Message

Gosh, this is my last President's Message and, I must say, I won't miss having to write these! It always seems as though I am the last thing that our newsletter editor, Elaine, needs in order to publish it on time, and I am sure she won't miss having to nag me to get it done <grin>. Elaine, thank you for your understanding over the past couple of years.

I have certainly enjoyed being President of our club for the past three years and, while I didn't realize when I agreed to run for President that I would be doing so for a three-year period, it has been a truly rewarding experience and I could not have accomplished what I have without the support of my fellow officers and board members.

You are all great and I cannot thank you enough!

In the last three years our club has diversified and grown in many ways, and I am proud of what we have accomplished. We had our first ever Carting competition; we have had extremely successful Matches and Agility trials, and have been successful in adding a third day of Obedience trials to our All-Breed Dog shows. We are also in the process of offering a combined Obedience and Agility Trial at our Spring event. To my knowledge this is a "first" in the Pacific Northwest, and I am proud that our club is the one to take it on. I am confident that it, too, will be a huge success.

However, the time has come to pass the Presidential gavel to another member. I am sure our new President will do an excellent job and bring many new and exciting ideas to keep our club growing and strong. I hope you can all attend our annual Christmas Party on the 15th of December at Pioneer Park. We will hold elections right before the party and then the new Officers and Board members will take the reins. Please support your new Officers and Board members by coming to the meetings and volunteering to support the coming years' events.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President, and I will definitely be around to pitch in and help out where needed. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Ciao, Susan Parr

We're on the Web!
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Happy Holidays!

HRKC Calendar

December 15: HRKC **General Meeting AND Christmas Party!** 6:30p.m. Pioneer Park, E. Washington St., SQM. *(See details at bottom of this page)*

January 12: HRKC Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Goin' To The Dogs. 53 Valley Center Place, SQM.

January 19: HRKC General Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Legacy Training Center. 252 Kitchen-Dick Rd., SQM.

February 16: HRKC General Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Legacy Training Center. 252 Kitchen-Dick Rd., SQM.

March 9: HRKC Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Goin' To The Dogs. 53 Valley Center Place, SQM.

March 16: HRKC General Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Legacy Training Center. 252 Kitchen-Dick Rd., SQM.

April 20: HRKC General Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Legacy Training Center. 252 Kitchen-Dick Rd., SQM.

May 11: HRKC Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Goin' To The Dogs. 53 Valley Center Place, SQM.

May 18: HRKC General Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Legacy Training Center. 252 Kitchen-Dick Rd., SQM.

June 15: HRKC General Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Legacy Training Center. 252 Kitchen-Dick Rd., SQM.

2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

Your HRKC membership dues for 2011 are due by January 31, 2011.

**Contact: Diane Gill, Membership Chairperson at:
(360) 681-4791 or digill@aol.com**

Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club dues for 2011 are effective from
January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011:

Household Membership: \$25.00 - Single Membership: \$20.00

Associate Membership: \$15.00 - Junior (under age 18): \$5.00

**Household and Individual members have voting privileges;
Associate and Junior members are non-voting.**

UPDATE! Christmas Party & December Meeting Combined

The holiday pot luck dinner AND the December general meeting will be combined this year,
**Wednesday, December 15th, starting at 6:30 p.m. (note the time change!),
at the Pioneer Park Clubhouse, in Sequim.**

There will be a brief meeting at the beginning with the annual election
of the 2011 Officers and Board Members.

Contact Lorraine Shore to sign up for the Christmas Party dinner, and let her know
what dish you will be bringing (main, side, dessert, etc.) at: pd0980@gmail.com
or 360-808-6877. **NEW!** This year HRKC will be providing the turkey!

NEW! There will be a gift exchange (recommended gift value is \$10)!

NEW! HRKC will be collecting donations of pet food to deliver to the Food Bank,
so please bring dog and/or cat food as a contribution to our club's pet food drive!

Slate of Candidates for 2011 Officers and Board Members

The Nominating Committee for the election of 2011 Officers and Board Members respectfully submits the following candidates:

Kimberly Gibbons for President
Lorraine Shore for Vice President
Ron Fye for Treasurer
Anne Andritsch for Secretary
Gabrielle LaRoche for Board Member-at-Large
Jan Garrison for Board Member-at-Large
Nancy Tinker for Board Member-at-Large

Kimberly Gibbons has been a member of the club since 2008, served the club as Vice President for 2010, and has supported club events as a volunteer.

Lorraine Shore has been a member of the club since 2009, served the club as a Board Member-at-Large for 2010, and has supported club events as a volunteer.

Ron Fye has been a member of the club since 1994, served as past Treasurer for the club several years prior to 2009, and has supported club events as a volunteer for many years.

Anne Andritsch has been a member of the club since 2003, served as the club's Secretary since 2008, and has supported club events as a volunteer for several years.

Gabrielle LaRoche has been a member of the club since 2007 and has regularly supported club events as a volunteer.

Jan Garrison has been a member of the club since 1989, has served as past Membership Committee Chairperson through 2009, as Awards Committee Chairperson for the All-Breed Shows for several years, and has supported club events as a volunteer for many years.

Nancy Tinker has been a member of the club since 1995, served in various Officer positions and as a Board Member-at-Large for several years, and has supported club events as a volunteer for many years.

Elections will be held at the December 15 meeting / Christmas Pot Luck Party. Please be sure to arrive by 6:30p.m. to participate in the election prior to the start of the holiday party.

In Loving Memory



DUSTY—Multiple BIS/BISS CH
Ozark Crest Fortune in Gold
5CC OA OAJ

Dusty was given to us (Karen & Gene Dickinson) at ten weeks of age by Paul and Susie Hannah of Ozark Crest Shetland Sheepdogs. He was a darling, outgoing little guy who won the hearts of all he met. Dusty grew into a very pretty young dog winning his first points on his seven month old birthday.

After finishing his championship Dusty immediately began his specials career. Over the span of seven years Dusty had a phenomenal record becoming the top breed winning Sheltie in history. His record was: 3

BIS, 12 BISS, 131 G1, 100 G2, 75 G3, 61 G4, 528 BOB.

In August of 1999 Karen's husband, Gene, passed away. For a couple of years Dusty's and Karen's life was in a bit of disarray. Then in 2001 the two of them moved to Nixa, Missouri in the Ozarks. In 2002 Karen married Dusty's widowed breeder, Paul Hannah. While still in Sequim, Dusty had begun his agility training with Sharon Johnson and Nancy Tinker. Then in 2002 Dusty and Paul began competing in agility finishing his OA and OAJ titles before the end of the year. After a short respite, Dusty's specials career continued. In 2003 Dusty and Paul won the breed at the AKC Eukanuba Kennel Club Dog Show. Then, in both 2004 and 2005, they won the breed at the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Show.

Dusty had a full and busy life. After retirement he continued to travel to all of the shows with Karen and Paul so that he could visit with all of his many friends. He was in charge of the, motorhome and mentoring the up and coming show dogs.



He left us on October 13, 2010, and is terribly missed. Dusty made friends with everyone, and will long be remembered as a very special friend.

He loved life.

Our condolences to Karen and Paul.



Rainbow Bridge Crossings

Another two HRKC members' beloved dogs crossed the Rainbow Bridge in November:

Nancy Radich's senior Papillon, Rosie, on November 8, 2010.

Kit Maxwell's Australian Shepherd, Quincy, in November. Kit called to express her thanks for the beautiful sympathy card and thoughtfulness of the club members.

Our condolences to Nancy and Kit.

Braggs & Fun Photos

Nancy Radich proudly shares the photos of the brags she reported in the November newsletter, from the Vancouver Kennel Club show where...



- 1) Mr. Z won his class, (Bred by Exhibitor) and then took Reserve Winners Dog.
- 2) Lovey, won her class, (Bred by Exhibitor) and she also took Reserve Winners Bitch.
- 3) Mr. Z won a Group 3 in the Bred by Exhibitor, Toy Group.

Great photos!

Congratulations again to Nancy, Mr. Z and Lovey!



Carolyn Money had a great time in November in Surrey, Canada, participating in a Freestyle competition. As Carolyn reports, "I have just returned from the most incredible Freestyle weekend I have ever experienced—I only wish everyone in the world could have been there for the production of "Escape the Darkness" on Saturday night. I knew it was going to be an event that would be not just the ordinary dog show, but a work of art, since Ray Underwood was directing the proceedings and he is the "Master" when it comes to putting on something as spectacular as this. The dogs and their handlers were just amazing—you would have thought they were all experienced thespians! The actors moved so gracefully around the stage and the dogs did what they were trained to do.

To have that many dogs on a stage together and they all got along was miraculous in itself. The young lady who

told the story that was then acted out by the cast was perfect for the part; a lovely young actress who has been in major productions and studied dance since she was five years old. The story was about the good guys (freestyle dogs) and the evil people, the kitters (musical kite fliers) who kidnapped three sisters (three border collies) and the struggles to free them. In the end the Schutzhund dog attacked the evil leader and killed him and all was harmony once more between the freestylers and kitters. It was a fantasy tale that is difficult to imagine it if you were not in the audience.

The next day I entered five divisions with Sunny and Hunter.

In the photo above, Sunny is with Shelly II (owned by Shelley Denton) - we won first place in Pairs! The photo at right is of Hunter and Sunny—Hunter qualified in Dressage Novice Level 2 and Sunny earned third place in Veterans Freestyle. It was a great weekend!

Congratulations Hunter, Sunny and Carolyn!



Lorraine Shore reports, she has, “Just returned from the German Pinscher Club of America's first independent National Specialty, which was also the club's 25th anniversary.

“Dreamer went BOS under Judge Patricia Trotter and Best in Sweeps under Judge Karen Mounts, so it was a pretty spectacular day!

“Cathrine Eklof, of Rivendell's Kennels in Sweden, flew to North Carolina to attend the Nationals and pick up Dreamer so she was extremely excited to see her new girl do so well.

“Dreamer made the trip to Sweden very well and has easily adjusted to her new family.

“Cathrine said her daughter, Julia, pronounced to her that Dreamer was now her dog which makes me very happy!

“Thanks to Skype I can talk to Cathrine and see Dreamer playing with her other GP and her MinPin - technology is amazing!”

Congratulations Dreamer, Lorraine and Cathrine!



BayView Flying Solo
"Solo"



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Bulldoggraphy

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Ch. BayView Jolly Roger X Ch. BayView Sea Breeze

Solo shown winning the BEST Bred-By-Exhibitor
at Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle. Thank you
Breeder Judge Mr. Dwayne Miller for this nice award.

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Heather Olson shares some fun photos of her new puppy, Abby (Staffordshire Bull Terrier), playing in the snow with their Papillon crew. Abby is learning what it means to live with Papillons and, as we can see here, she has very quickly learned how to pounce!

It remains to be seen if Abby grows up to think she is another Papillon, or if she teaches them how to be a Staffie!



This sort of makes one wonder if the Papillons realize that when Abby is full grown, she will out-weigh them by about 20-plus pounds?!

That's a *LOT* of pounce!





Having *abandoned* her dogs to a pet-sitter and well-meaning friends while she went on safari in Africa for 3 weeks, **Susan Parr's** Bernese Mountain Dogs still gave her a warm welcome when she got home! Actually, they don't plan to let her get up and leave again any time soon! Welcome home, Susan!



No, I have not seen your lipstick!

Why would you even ask me that?

I'm insulted!!

Every time something goes missing around here, everybody looks at me!

For your information, I don't even wear that shade!

Eight inches of snow didn't stop **Elaine Booker's** German Shepherd, Dorie (aka 'Hunky-Dorie') from digging out a cold, frozen stuffy toy and having a joyous reunion with it. What fun!



Katie—Home At Last!

Katie, who was lost for 25 days in the wilderness, is now home safe. According to the Peninsula Daily news (11/21/2010: Lost... and Found), John and Donna Fabian who live in the Port Ludlow-Shine area near the Hood

Canal, "spent a sleepless night in a cold car before she saw the Shetland sheepdog and coaxed it to her as she knelt on a trail near the Olympic Park Institute on Lake Crescent on Thursday afternoon. "She's our Thanksgiving miracle," Donna said.'



The \$1,000 reward for Katie's return was divided as follows: \$250 to the Association of National Park Rangers in the name of Mark O'Neill, and Olympic Park ranger, and \$750 to Maggie Van Catfort of the Olympic Park Institute.

' O'Neill reported last week the first sighting of the 4-year-old dog since she had run off from the Fabians during a visit to the lake Oct. 24. The Fabians, who had owned her for only three months, and the dog's breeder, Cindy Wilson of Bremerton, searched for her the first week and nailed up posters near the Lake Crescent Lodge, which is about 20 miles west of Port Angeles. '

A call on Wednesday, November 17th from O'Neill, who had spotted the dog on the road between the entrance to the lodging area and the lodge itself, led the Fabians on a fast ride to Lake Crescent. ' "He (O'Neill) followed her slowly in the car as she traveled down the road, then lost track of her," Fabian said.'

' "Mrs. Fabian and (breeder) Wilson raced up to the lake, picking up a live animal trap from the Olympic Peninsula Humane Society on the way, and spent the night in their cars outside Lake Crescent Lodge, which is closed for the season." '

' "When they awakened, snow lay on the ground. "We hardly slept at all, it was so cold," Mrs. Fabian said. And they hadn't thought to bring breakfast. "We made sure we had dog food, but we didn't have food for ourselves," she said. They snacked on some Kashi bars Mrs. Fabian found in her glove compartment, set up the trap with the help of some workmen -- and continued to search. We felt we had to get her that day or the next because . . . it was so cold," she said.'

At about 4 p.m., a call came in on Wilson's cell phone. "Van Catfort had spotted a sheltie on the beach near the Olympic Park Institute and had called numbers she found on posters -- first the Fabians' home, then Wilson's cell. We were yards away from her when she called," Mrs. Fabian said. "Cindy said, 'We are right here. We will be there in seconds.'" When Mrs. Fabian saw Katie, she dropped to her knees and pulled out food, speaking softly to the dog. "Katie walked back and forth, very nervous, and finally took the food. I grabbed her collar," she said.'



' "They brought Katie home about a half-hour before the Fabians were interviewed [by the PDN]. She's excited to be here. . . . She's very thin. She's extraordinarily hungry," Fabian said. "Katie, who the Fabians figure lived on bear droppings and other unsavory fare, was to be taken to the vet for a check-up." '

' "And the couple now has "increased security awareness," as Fabian put it. "We're going to be awfully careful about not allowing her to bolt away. . . . She's going to have to learn how to go out and poop on a leash." '

Read the full story at: <http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2010311219985>

Dear Santa...

I've been a good doggy mom all year. I've fed, cleaned and cuddled my dogs on demand, visited the Vet's office more than my own doctor, spend more on their shampoos and conditioners than I do for myself, and most of the time they are groomed better than I am. I was hoping you could spread my list out over several Christmases, since I had to write this letter with my a black marker pen on the back of a dog food receipt in the laundry room between cycles of dog bedding, and who knows when I'll find anymore free time in the near future with puppies coming and dog shows on the horizon.

Here are my Christmas wishes:

I'd like a pair of legs that don't ache (in any color, except purple, which I already have) and arms that don't hurt or flap in the breeze; but are strong enough to put my struggling dog into the tub for a bath.

I'd also like a waist, since I lost mine somewhere eating dog show food and at least three show outfits and some jeans that will zip all the way up without the use of power tools.

If you're hauling big ticket items this year I'd like nose-print resistant windows, floors that clean themselves, and a refrigerator with a secret compartment behind the crisper where I can hide my own snacks to eat without having to share with a pack of barking maniacs.

On the practical side, I could use a battery operated dog that is always stacked perfectly and moves to perfection on my command to boost my showing confidence, along with at least two bitches who don't bump each other to start a fight.

I could also use a recording of The Dog Whisperer chanting "Don't pee in the living room" and "Get off of her, she is not in heat" because my voice seems to be just out of my dog's hearing range and can only be heard by the next door neighbors who are at least an acre away.

If it's too late to find any of these things, I'd settle for enough time to brush my teeth and comb my hair in the same morning, or the luxury of eating food warmer than room temperature without it being served in a Styrofoam container at a dog show.

If you don't mind, I could also use a few Christmas miracles to brighten the holiday season. Would it be too much trouble to declare a doggy lock down session? It will clear my conscience immensely when I look at those miserable little faces.

It would be helpful if you could coerce my husband and children to help around the house without demanding payment as if they were the bosses of an organized crime family because, after all, this is for MY Dogs!

Well, Santa, the buzzer on the dryer is ringing and some of my dogs saw my feet under the laundry room door. They think I am eating dinner in here again and they are missing out on leftovers.

Have a safe trip and remember to leave your wet boots by the door and look down so that you don't step into an "accident".

I would have left cookies, but between the dogs and the cat, there is no chance that anything other than drool will be left on the plate. I left you a Hot Toddy to warm you from the cold, but after a day like this, I drank it myself.

Yours Always,
Doggy Mom

The Four Stages of Life



- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.



Dog Show People

- *Are a special breed , usually not recognized by UKC /AKC.
- *Think that everyone has dog crates in their living room.
- *Have messy houses but their kennels are spotless.
- *Can always find a show catalog from somewhere within arms reach.
- *Have kids who know more about the "birds and the bees" at age 5 then most people at age 40.
- *Drive trucks , vans and station wagons especially equipped to haul dog crates.
- *Will drive 400 miles, spend \$100 on gas, \$200 on motel and \$150 on meals to bring home a .35 cent ribbon.
- *Have kids who regard the word "bitch" as just another word.
- *Never miss a pre-entry fee for a Show, but pay the Mortgage 10 days late.
- *Use dog food bags for trash cans and 30 gallon trans cans for dog food.
- *Get up at 5 am to walk the dogs , can be at ringside by 8 am dressed to kill, but have trouble getting to work on time.
- *Will usually give up a \$150.000 home in the suburbs to move to a shack on 10 acres so they can have \$150.000 kennels.
- *Have lush green backyards and never bought a bag of fertilizer.
- *Talk for hours on the phone with another dog person in only a language known to dog people .
- *Have parents who think that they've lost their minds.
- *Have dog friends who think they are "Terrific"!

Twisted Humor—Miss 'TSA' Pinups



**X-Rayed,
not
X-Rated!**

Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club

November 2, 2010 Board Meeting

The Board meeting of the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club was called to order at Valley Center Place in Sequim, Washington at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2010.

Officers present: Susan Parr, President and Kimberly Gibbons, Vice President. Board members Nancy Tinker, Lorraine Shore, and Glorene Hanson. Also present Joe Larson, Nancy Radich, Diane Gill, Chris Cornell, and Jan Garrison.

Susan Parr, President, called the meeting to order.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Agility - Discussion about agility and July show treasurer's final report. Some things that were taken off of the show and trials were Club expenses not Show expenses (such as the canopies and generator service and other supplies). We did not lose as much money as we thought when we take a longer look at them. Made some changes in what we do and don't do for the next shows.

We are not going to have a judges' dinner for next year and see how it goes. We will put a cap of \$30.00 on what we will reimburse them for. It was decided to not put a gift card in the judges' baskets but will try to get those things that they will enjoy but not but a burden on them to pack to take home. We are going to cut down on the decorations that we do for the judges' hospitality tent.

It was decided to raise the day parking to \$5.00 for one day and \$8.00 for both days and not charge for Friday.

It was decided to raise the entry fees to \$28.00 and \$22.00 with a discount for puppies but not for bred-by exhibitor classes. Second entry would be \$22.00.

The Cavalier Club will do the food for both the Agility Trials and the All Breed Shows.

Nancy R. and Chris will meet with Sharon to discuss the premium list for the obedience, rally, and agility trials and how to get them out to the people.

The Christmas party will be on December 15th.

We will try to hire as many local judges for the 2012 shows as possible and also couples.

The judge for the June agility trial is Dan Selthofer and the judge for the August trial is Dan Butcher.

In order to give people things to do while they are in the area, we will put a Visitors Guide at the show before our shows. Also distribute a list of restaurants in the area.

Meeting Adjourned - The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Tinker for Anne Andritsch

Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club November 17, 2010 General Meeting

The November General Meeting of the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club was called to order at Legacy Canine & Behavior Training Center in Sequim on November 17, 2010.

Officers Present: Kimberly Gibbons, Vice President, Elaine Booker, Treasurer, and Anne Andritsch, Secretary. Board Members: Nancy Tinker and Glorene Hanson.

There were 23 members present. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kimberly Gibbons at 7:04 p.m. A roll call of the members was taken.

President's Report - Kimberly welcomed everyone. The general meeting minutes of October 20, 2010 were approved as published.

Secretary's Report - Anne reported: (1) sending a 2010 show catalogue to Hoflin Publishing in Wheat Ridge, Colorado per their request, (2) receipt of an AKC letter re the 2011 agility trials, and (3) that Susan has taken care of the banner in Sequim for the 2011 show.

Treasurer's Report - Elaine Booker reported on current balances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership - Diane Gill said she mailed notices for the 2011 dues to the members.

Historian - Nothing to report.

All-Breed Show – 2011 - Joe Larson was absent. Anne said she had been given a copy of the Letter of Agreement for the 2011 show signed by Deb Schultz owner of the Blake Family Property. Chris Cornell gave Joe the original signed Letter of Agreement.

Agility Trials - Nancy Radich reported that we are on track. The judges have been signed. The Cavalier Club will be the food vendor.

Old Business - Elaine Booker said the nominating committee has met and will provide the slate of officers for 2011 to be published in the December newsletter; this will satisfy the 10-day time period as outlined in the bylaws.

Elaine, reporting for Lorraine Shore, said the Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday December 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pioneer Garden Club. We will vote on the 2011 slate of officers first and then move on to the Christmas party. We asked the members to please be punctual because the voting will be held first.

The Club will purchase a turkey(s) and the members will provide potluck dishes. We are to contact Lorraine Shore and let her know what we are bringing.

New Business - Diane Gill said that the local food bank and animal shelter are low on pet food. Those members wishing to contribute dog and/or cat food can bring their donation to the Christmas party and Diane will see that the donations are delivered.

Nancy Tinker received the new AKC judges' book.

Brags - Several members reported their recent successes.

Meeting Adjourned - The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Andritsch, Secretary



We're on the Web!
www.hrkc.org

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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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