



The Dog Eared Journal

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President's Message

This New Year is destined to be full of change for all of us.

On a personal level I have a new job, live in a new town and will soon have a new cattle dog. As the new club President I'm excited to carry over this wind of change, so to speak, beginning with all the new board members as well as our more experienced ones. I feel very lucky to be serving as President with such a great group of people.

Secondly, HRKC will be offering for the first time an Agility / Obedience / Rally trail in June. If all the hard work and planning that has already taken place for this event is any indication, it's sure to be big success.

As we move forward into 2011, let's always keep uppermost in our minds why we do what we do. We love our dogs and want to promote the best aspects of being a responsible dog owner both in our local community and beyond. I hope we (the board) can count on all the members' continued support and effort to maintain and enhance our club.

So as we go forward into the New Year let's check our egos at the door, put on our big girl panties and big boy shorts, and have an outstanding year.

- Kimberly Gibbons

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Happy New Year!

HRKC Calendar

January 12: HRKC Board Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Goin' To The Dogs. 53 Valley Center Place, SQM.

Note: All members are welcome to attend the club's board meetings.

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.

May 21: Tentative—Spring Match. Details TBD.

June 3,4,5: Spring Agility/Rally/Obedience trials. Details TBD.

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.

Recommended Reading

The Focused Puppy: A Training System for Raising a Great Companion & Performance Dog,
by Deborah Jones, Ph.D. and Judy Keller

Competition Obedience: A Balancing Act, by Adele Yunck

Competition Obedience: The Art of Proofing: Preparing Your Dog For Obedience Trials,
by Adele Yunck

Dog Tags (a novel), by David Rosenfelt

The Search (a novel), By Nora Roberts

Monthly National Legislation Report—December 2010
(for pet and other Animal-related legislation):
http://mnlreport.typepad.com/the_monthly_national_legi/

Bloat / IBD / Splenic Torsion / Gastropexy Seminar

Hosted by the Cascade Swissy Club

DATE: Saturday, January 29th, 2011

TIME: 11 AM - 2 PM

PLACE: The Griffin Fire Department

3707 Steamboat Loop NW

Olympia, WA 98502

DIRECTIONS: From North or Southbound - Take Exit 104 N (Aberdeen/Port Angeles)

- Exit US 101 N (Shelton) - Next exit Steamboat Island - Left off the exit onto Sexton Drive. At stop sign, turn right onto Steamboat Island Road. About a quarter mile down on left (past golf range), take a left onto Steamboat Loop (you will see fire station).

SPEAKERS: Drs. Michelle Shoemaker, Ron Molitor and Mike Murphy from South Bay Veterinary Hospital, Olympia, WA.

The Seminar is open to all breeds, pure and mixed, so invite your friends and neighbors, and please join us to learn more about these very important subjects as they relate to your dogs. There will be a Q & A period, so please take this opportunity to ask any questions you might have. The information you take away with you just might save your dog's life.

FEE: \$15 advance payment or \$20 at the door

To reserve space, please make your check out to Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club (or CGSMDC). Please include your name, telephone and/or email address and number of people, and mail, TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 25TH, 2011 to:

Michele Slate, 20310 SW Bramblewood Lane, Sherwood, OR 97140

For questions: wolfpack1313@...

Refreshments will be served.



Dear God

We Dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent ID's, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths.

What do humans understand?

Brags & Fun Photos



Susan Parr's Bernese Mountain Dog, Gandalf, passed his ORT (Odor Recognition Test) and, during a Mock Trial, passed all four elements with a Pronounced precision. A Pronounced indication is at the judge's discretion if both dog and handler have a perfect score. Out of 30 dogs, only 6 dogs were pronounced in all 4 elements.

Congratulations Gandalf and Susan!



Mariko Saum's Bouvier des Flandres, CH Jack of Hearts des Clanmoore, earned an Award of Excellence at the Eukanuba National Championship show in Long Beach California.

Mariko writes, "We are thrilled that Dixie was available to show him, especially since I am still in a cast."

Congratulations Jack, Mariko and Dixie! Hope you're out of your cast soon, Mariko!



Sue McGregor's Spinone Italiano "Elsie" (GCh Ch Vericool Leggenda del Mare JH) received an Award of Excellence at the Eukanuba National Championship show in Long Beach, California on Dec. 4th. She was handled by Dixie Rae.

Sue writes: A huge "Thanks" to Dixie for showing Elsie this past year!"

Congratulations Elsie, Sue and Dixie!

Jan Garrison shares her brags from the Whidbey Island Kennel Club dogs shows on November 20 & 21, for her Tibetan Terriers:

Yag sho's Sonam Nobo Bootsey (Botai, aka Bootsey) won Best of Breed both days for four points. He is owned by Faye Hayden & Janice Garrison.

Lan Lin's Bunti of Yag sho (Bunti) won Best of Opposite Sex and Yag sho's Good Day Sunshine (Sunny) was Reserve Winners Dog both days--both owned by Janice Garrison.

Congratulations Botai, Bunti, Sunny, Jan and Faye!



Howard Shore's German Pinscher, Max "Immer Treu Midnight Express", won Best of Winners at Ridgefield on December 12. Max needs 3 points to finish his Championship; Lorraine and Howard are hoping that happens in Puyallup in January.

Congratulations Max and Howard!



Sharon Smith and her German Shepherd, Rio, had a great time practicing sheep herding on the “C” course. Rio is rapidly improving his herding skills, working the sheep with thoughtful enthusiasm.





Cedar, a German Shepherd co-owned by **Sharon Smith and Elaine Booker**, graduated from the beginner's pen, into the bigger field to broaden his herding skills. Cedar is 19 months old, and is as keen about sheep as his housemate, Rio. Shown above and below, Cedar is handled by Debbie Humble





It's an 'Un'-Wrap!

The best part of the Annual Christmas party is the gift exchange!





A Letter from the N.A.I.A. Trust

Wishing you a Happy and Successful New Year!

At NAIA Trust our most important New Year's resolution is to help our constituents increase their power in 2011! This is an incredibly important year for all of us. The midterm elections carried a huge number of new legislators to Washington, and with this change comes enormous challenges and opportunities that we can use to our advantage.

As a constituent, you have more influence with your elected officials than any other person or outside group, no matter how rich or seemingly powerful they might be. But for your special status to count, you must take action. As the saying goes, **the world is run by those who show up**. Our goal is to help you do that.

A few tips and tools for growth and success in 2011:

1. Introduce yourself to your elected officials:

- establish a relationship;
- create an awareness of your issues, and become a trusted source of information.

Make an in-person visit, call, fax or write. If you can't personally visit Washington DC or your state capital, visit your lawmakers' local offices and get to know the staff. Share your materials with them so they become familiar with you and your issues. Phone calls can be very effective, but always follow up with a letter that puts your positions and ideas in writing. When time isn't a factor, send your letter via normal mail channels. Otherwise send it by fax or copy and paste it into your email. If you want your letter to be read, do not send it as an email attachment because security concerns will probably prevent it from being opened. Please read number 3 below for guidelines on to write the letter.

2. Use NAIA Trust's Capwiz legislative tool (<http://capwiz.com/naiatrust/dbq/officials/agencies/?command=search>). It finds and enables you to contact your lawmakers easily – federal, state and local, from the President down to your local representative. Please note that Capwiz not only gives you contact information for your lawmakers, it also provides links for federal agencies (<http://capwiz.com/naiatrust/dbq/officials/agencies/?command=search>). If legislative gridlock develops in 2011 as many expect, the agencies will take on a more important role as contentious legislation is replaced with administrative rulemaking and other regulatory approaches. Caution: Do not contact agency administrators unless you have substantive and unique information to share that will enable them to make a more informed, balanced decision. You can be sure that agency administrators are hearing other points of view about issues that affect you.

3. Write a short letter to introduce yourself and your issues. It's good to develop a relationship with government officials before you need it. You can be certain that representatives from the national groups have already introduced themselves. Here are a few letter-writing tips:

- Be respectful and polite;
- Identify yourself as a voting constituent;
 - a. a stakeholder who could be affected by a policy decision;
 - b. an expert who can provide useful information on policy issues; and, or
 - c. a representative of a larger group whose views you share.

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- State your concerns very succinctly. Get to the point. Here's the directive we have posted in the NAIA office. "Be selective. Be concise. Don't tell people what you know, tell them what they need to know; what it means; and why it matters;
- Provide your representative with documented materials to show your expertise or prove your case whenever you can. Here are some items dog enthusiasts can use:
 - AKC State Economic Impact Statistics for 2009 (http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/state_economic_impact.cfm)
 - a. The NAIA Shelter Project (<http://www.naiashelterproject.org/>) showing animal shelter statistics;
 - b. NAIA Model legislation offering alternative provisions (http://www.naiaonline.org/resources_legislative.htm); and
 - c. Ask for a response to your letter, or better yet an appointment

If you have not yet signed up for the NAIA Trust Capwiz mailing list consider signing up now and pass on the link to your friends.

And please, if you're not already supporter of NAIA Trust, consider donating. Without help from people like you, we won't be here to help you in the future.

Happy New Year, Patti Strand, National Director



The Doberman is pregnant. The fireman had just saved her from a fire in her house, rescuing her by carrying her out of the house into her front yard, then he continued to fight the fire. When he finally got done putting the fire out, he sat down to catch his breath and rest.

A photographer from the Charlotte, North Carolina newspaper noticed the dog in the distance looking at

the fireman. He saw the Doberman walking straight toward the fire fighter and wondered what she was going to do.

As he raised his camera, she came up to the tired man who had just saved her life and the lives of her unborn babies and kissed him just as the photographer snapped this photograph.

January 5, 2011

Note: HRKC sponsored Haley's trip to Eukanuba with a donation to assist with her expenses.

Ms. Susan Parr
Ms. Elaine Booker
Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club
Sequim, Washington

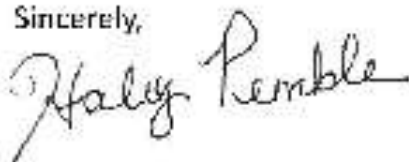
Dear Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club,

Contrary to what some may believe, my passion is hardly unattainable, and to me it is something that is derived from an inner source of dedication, commitment, and a tremendous amount of energy and work. My passion...no... fervor, ardor, obsession...is not an emotion, nor action, but a representation of my utter being. Whatever it is, it has driven me to great heights and setting of goals. one being the attendance and participation in the Eukanuba Dog Show. This prestigious show is the culmination of so many hours hard at work with little pay off, but only that of ones own satisfied feeling along with lots of furry kisses and tail wags! This year was my third time attending the Eukanuba National Dog Show, but far from my last. I shall pursue this goal for the rest of my life, and no matter how many times I go, the same feeling of newness will never go away.

Going into the ring was as exhilarating as ever. I loved being in the ring. I felt like I belonged and at this moment cannot wait to go back. Even though I did not come home placing in the top 12, I pride myself in accomplishing what I did. The culmination of the year's hard work in order to qualify, attend and participate in this wonderful event is wonderful. I have two more years in the Juniors ring and so many more new memories to experience. The dog show life will be with me always!

I know for a fact that all of this would not be possible without your help. As a result my passion as been ever fueled by the generosity that you have shown towards me and my family. I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your belief in me and your sponsorship. I am deeply indebted to your organization and wish everyone a successful 2011 in the rings!

Sincerely,



Haley Pemble
13616 206th Street SE
Snohomish, WA 98296



Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club December 15, 2010 General Meeting

The December General Meeting of the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club was called to order at the Pioneer Park Clubhouse in Sequim on December 15, 2010.

Officers Present: Susan Parr, President, Kimberly Gibbons, Vice President, and Anne Andritsch, Secretary. Board Members: Nancy Tinker and Lorraine Shore.

There were 41 members and one guest present. The meeting was called to order by President Susan Parr at 6:35 p.m.

President's Report

Susan welcomed everyone. Susan asked Patty Greeny on behalf of the Nominating Committee to present the 2011 Slate of Officers to the membership.

The officers slate was presented as follows:

Kimberly Gibbons, President,
Lorraine Shore, Vice President,
Ron Fye, Treasurer, and
Anne Andritsch, Secretary.

Susan asked if there were any nominations from the floor for any of the officers. There were none.

Patty then presented the slate for board of directors as follows:

Gabrielle LaRoche,
Jan Garrison, and
Nancy Tinker.

Susan asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Anne Andritsch nominated Diane Gill for Board Member.

The ballots were distributed, collected and tallied.

The 2011 Officers and Directors are: Kimberly Gibbons, President, Lorraine Shore, Vice President, Ron Fye, Treasurer, and Anne Andritsch, Secretary.
Board members are: Nancy Tinker, Jan Garrison, and Diane Gill.

Susan then turned the meeting over to Kimberly Gibbons who instructed everyone to enjoy the beautiful Christmas potluck dinner that Lorraine and Howard Shore organized together with a few of Santa's elves.

The general meeting concluded at approximately 7:20 p.m. at which time the party began and a good time was had by all.

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.

Board of Directors

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