

DOG EARED *Journal*



Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club is an AKC-licensed all-breed club and non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the interests of dog owners and breeders of purebred dogs.

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President's Message

I can only echo Lorraine's Facebook post.

"Celebrating Another Awesome Year with Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club! 🐾 What better way to cap off another successful year of dog sports than with our Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club Picnic!

It's been a busy and exciting year for our club! Together, we hosted:

🐾 3-Day AKC Scent Work Trial

🐾 3-Day Agility, Rally & Obedience Trial

🐾 3-Day All-Breed Dog Show featuring Obedience, Rally & Fast CAT

🐾 3-Day Agility Trial

That's a LOT of dogs, events, ribbons, early mornings, long days, happy exhibitors, and great memories!

None of these events would be possible without the dedication of our hardworking club members and amazing volunteers. From planning and setup to working the events, pitching in wherever needed, and cleaning up when it's all over—you are what makes these events happen."

I can't say this any better, just again. We have a club of great members, and we should all be proud of what we can accomplish together. I know I am. Thank you all!!!

Joe Larson, HRKC President

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New AKC Policy: Dogs Left in Vehicles at Events

If you travel to shows and trials with your dogs, there's an important new AKC policy you need to know about.

At its July 2026 meeting, the AKC Board adopted a new Unattended Dogs in Vehicles Policy. Under the policy, dogs may not be left unattended in a vehicle that is fully enclosed or does not have sufficient ventilation or airflow from the outside.

The policy also makes an important distinction for those who rely on equipment to keep dogs safe. Fans, air-conditioning or other climate-control systems, temperature monitors and remote-alert systems do not, by themselves, establish that a vehicle has adequate ventilation or provides a safe environment.

AKC requires a vehicle containing unattended dogs to have continuous ventilation and conditions reasonably sufficient to protect the dogs from heat-related injury, illness, distress or death. Violations may result in AKC disciplinary action.

This is particularly important for exhibitors accustomed to crating dogs in vehicles during shows and trials. Before your next AKC event, take a few minutes to review the new policy and make sure your setup complies.

The new policy also raises questions for clubs conducting AKC events. The HRKC Board will be discussing how the policy affects our events, including what responsibilities the Club and its event committees may have for communicating and monitoring. We'll share additional information with members as we learn more.

Upcoming Events

2027 Show Schedule

- May 14-16: Scent Work Trial
- June 4-6: A/R/O
- July 30-August 1: AKC All-Breed Shows and Rally and Obedience Trials
- August 13-15: Agility Trials

Club Fun Walks

Saturdays | Location specifics emailed weekly

Newsletter Submission Deadline

Q4 | October 30, 2026

[Submit articles to info@hrkc.org]

Donate to the Pet Disaster Relief Trailer Initiative

<https://hrkc.org>

Are you a trainer?

We'd like to feature you on our website. Send your info to info@hrkc.org with the subject line: Website Trainer



Brag and Wags

We love celebrating the accomplishments of our members and their dogs—here are some recent highlights:

- 🐾 Susan Parr's 6-month-old puppy won Winners Dog. And a new girl got Winners Bitch at the Regional Specialty.
- 🐾 Sherri Whetstone got Owner Handled Group 4 and Owner Handled Group 1 in Puyallup.
- 🐾 Jo Chinn's Valley and Glory both got Judges' Awards of Merit in Steady Singles. Glory and Jo ran the Senior Hunt Test and were one of only two teams, out of 16 entries, that passed. Billie passed Junior Test. Billie won her sweeps conformation class, and placed third in the regular classes. Steve and Jo fended off ticks.
- 🐾 Lorraine Shore's Saffron got her tracking title. Nova went to Puyallup and won breed. Nova and Whisper earned their Scent Work Novice titles at the HRKC Scent Work trial.
- 🐾 Cathy Regan's Gio got her Silver Fit Dog title. Kasha, Cathy and Karen Parker got Star Spangled Scurry medals.
- 🐾 Amy's Gus got his Rally Novice title at ARO and his Obedience Beginner Novice title at the All-Breed.
- 🐾 Debby Zuber's Echo has his first leg in his novice standard with a first-place run!

- 🐾 Mariko Saum said that her husband got Winners bitch Saturday at Gig Harbor and George got Winners Dog.
- 🐾 Christine said that this was her first brag ever. It may not mean a lot to most people, but she had Savannah Bouvier at her first agility trial ever and it was way more than just doing agility, it was 3 days of getting her comfortable around other dogs and people. She was very proud of her! And, it was worth a \$5 brag!
- 🐾 Karen Parker's Willow moved into Excellent, and she got her first double Q at the A/R/O. She also nailed the weave poles all weekend long. She was a winner again at the August Agility Trial.
- 🐾 Rainshadow Flatcoats enjoyed the HRKC All Breed very much! Billie finished her breed championship in style, winning Winners Bitch over a large field of excellent bitches (25 flatcoats were entered in conformation, and 8 of them were class bitches)! Billie went on to be awarded Best of Winners, Best of Breed Owner Handled, and Best of Breeder Bred By. She also earned a Group 3 in the Owner Handled Sporting Group.

Pending AKC approval, she is now CH Rainshadow's Uptown Girl.

Meanwhile, Glory was busy in the rally ring. On Friday she and Jo earned first place in Rally Advanced, getting the blue ribbon and the \$15 prize money!

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Savannah Bouvier (left), Willow and Karen (right)



Echo



Gus



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However, because of a conflict with the conformation ring, Jo couldn't take Glory into the rally ring. Jo's friend Karen had her flatcoat entered in the same rally class and agreed to take Glory into the ring.

Glory loved working with Karen, and their score beat Karen's dog's score. On Sunday, Karen and Glory earned a score of 99 (out of 100), grabbed the first-place ribbon, finished Glory's title and Karen took home the \$15 prize (once again beating Karen's dog).

Pending AKC approval Glory is now GCH CH Rainshadow We Shall Overcome BN CD RA SH WCX.

No rest for Glory! The next weekend, Glory and Jo ran two UKC/HRC "seasoned" hunt tests, passing each, and earning Glory enough points for her "Seasoned Hunting Retriever" title.

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Pictures courtesy of Jo Chinn: Billie and Jo in ring, Billie with group rosette, Glory with new title ribbon, Jo getting wet.

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The UKC/HRC clubs have a curious tradition: when a dog earns a new title, the handler gets a bucket of water dumped over their head.

Luckily for Jo, the club used bottles of fresh water!

 CH Kr'Msun Giovanna Garzoni BCAT FITG, aka "Gio" (your HRKC FunWalk leader), has been busy adding to her FitDog accomplishments!

In July, Gio completed the AKC Star Spangled Scurry, and received an awesome commemorative medallion celebrating our country's 250th anniversary. By August, Gio had earned enough points to receive her Fit Dog Gold title! We are definitely proud of our FunWalk leader and all the fun she has along the way.

Then, at our recent HRKC All Breed event, Gio discovered just how much fun she could have chasing the FastCAT "wabbit"! She chased that silly-looking wabbit all three days, with each run faster than the one before. After her Sunday morning run, Gio's three-day times were enough to earn her BCAT title! This was Gio's very first introduction to FastCAT, and she certainly made the most of it.

"We are so happy that Gio has found a wabbit she is actually allowed to chase!"

Cathy and Gio





Tip of the Tail

HRKC Membership Meetings

Our monthly meetings are held at Working Spot Training Center on the **3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm**. [Please note the time change.] Can't make it in person? Join us on Zoom at <https://hrkc.org/Zoom>.



2026 Picnic Highlights



We gathered for our annual picnic August 19th and had a fabulous time eating great food and getting to know each other in a very relaxed setting. We had puppies and Sophie join the fun (and get lots of attention). The August picnic is where we take a deep breath after hosting all our events. Our members are the best!

The Whiteboard Exercise

What a summer it has been for Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club! From Scent Work to our annual All-Breed Show, HRKC members once again demonstrated what makes our club work: volunteers who are willing to step up, pitch in, and get the job done.

We could fill this newsletter with stories and highlights from both events—but wait! We already did! Be sure to check out the recent *Leader of the Pack* articles for all the details, photos, results, and behind-the-scenes stories from our busy summer.

But there is one behind-the-scenes story worth highlighting because it helped organize the many volunteer jobs that go into putting on an event. The Whiteboard Exercise.

For Scent Work, we developed an online volunteer sign-up form through our website and used the Whiteboard to help identify the jobs that needed to be filled and keep track of who had volunteered to do what.

We took it a big step further for the All-Breed Show, digging into the details to identify the tasks that had to happen, when they were needed, and how many people were needed. Putting it all on the Whiteboard gave us a visual picture of the entire volunteer operation. One we could break down easily into something manageable.

And our members responded with set up, tear down, stewarding, helping Hospitality, staffing a table, moving equipment, and just pitching in where needed. You made it a success. Thank you.

The Whiteboard may be a new tool, but the real story isn't the process. It's the people who filled all those spaces. That's HRKC's volunteer power at work.



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Hospitality Leader of the Pack

by Christine Stallard, Chair

We Really Did Pull It Off!



When we learned that we would have no commercial kitchen, no running water, and no electricity for Hospitality at this year's All-Breed Show, we knew we were going to have to get creative. And perhaps just a little obsessive about planning. Those who worked with me on Hospitality learned something else: I may be just a little OCD when it comes to organization.

Fortunately, my team handled that remarkably well.

There was a menu to develop, recipes to test, quantities to calculate, shopping lists to create and a detailed plan for how everything would be prepared, stored, transported and served. We had to figure out how to keep cold food cold, hot food hot and get food cooked across town to the show grounds ready to serve.

And then there was our Hospitality headquarters: Valerie's RV. A huge thank-you to Valerie for letting us stage everything there. It became our storage room, supply station and command central.

Of course, no good plan survives an entire dog show without a surprise. After Day One, our commercial coffee maker decided it had done enough. Pivot! A quick trip to local Adagio's kept the coffee flowing and our judges, ring stewards, and volunteers caffeinated.

And the food? HRKC's Best In Show Mac-n-Cheese was a hit, as was the egg salad. The cucumber, watermelon feta, and Caprese salads were well received, and our box lunches proved to be a great solution for the days when a buffet wasn't practical.

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Somehow, we pulled it all off—without running water, without electricity and without our commercial kitchen.

More importantly, we now have a Lessons Learned list that will make Hospitality even easier to organize in future years. We also have the recipes, menus, and planning information ready to go—including the now-official HRKC's Best In Show Mac-n-Cheese.

My sincere thanks to the entire Hospitality team for rolling with my lists, plans, schedules, pivots and, yes, occasional OCD tendencies. You kept smiling, solved problems as they arose, and made it a fun and memorable experience!

Want in on the fun?
Just say the word. We'd love to have you join our team!



Rally/Obedience Leader of the Pack

by Jo Chinn, Trial Chair

Who doesn't love performing agility and rally when the wind blows down the jumps and threatens to take the canopies eastward into Jefferson County?

Such was the case at the blustery ARO this year. In spite of the wind, exhibitors did well and reported that they loved our friendly show. This year we had 107 exhibitors in obedience and 79 in rally. Those numbers are just slightly less than last year.

An efficient crew set up the show in record time on Thursday. Huge thanks to those who showed up to help. Our daily stewards are "on the ball," and they work efficiently and super cheerfully. Kathy Beil



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held the canopy with all her might to make sure it didn't fly away! These must be the best stewards in the world!

Clean up on Sunday was a "breeze" also. More thanks to the volunteers, especially Sheri Whetsine, who helped. Sheri was a much welcome addition to the gang when most of us were over-tired and she was full of energy.

We all decided wind was better than rain, and we're hoping next year's trial brings neither.



Awards Leader of the Pack

by Christine Stallard, Chair

When Jan Garrison said goodbye to chairing Awards after many, many years, we knew we had some very big shoes to fill.

Jan had managed this important part of our All-Breed Show for so long that taking it over meant not only learning what needed to be done, but figuring out how to capture and organize all that institutional knowledge for the future.

Fortunately, Yumi Johnson stepped in with exactly the kind of help we needed.

Yumi created a spreadsheet to manage the many award categories and track donations—who contributed, what their contribution supported and what information needed to appear in our show materials. It gave us a system for managing a process with a lot of moving parts and some very firm deadlines.



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And we met them! The Awards team had the necessary information ready for the Premium, and later met the deadline for the show catalog, making sure our generous donors received the recognition they deserved.

And generous they were. This year, donations for our awards totaled over \$4,700, and we were especially pleased to welcome several new donors who had not contributed in previous years. That support allowed HRKC to offer an impressive array of awards throughout the show.

A special thank-you goes to Jan for the many years she devoted to making the Awards program successful and for picking up the floral arrangements, to Yumi for helping us build a system that can carry that work forward, and to Joe Metz for delivering the awards ringside and reconciling the results.

And, of course, thank you to every person and business who contributed. Your generosity helped make our 2026 All-Breed Show something special.



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Agility Leader of the Pack

by Karen Parker, Chair

May 29-31 — Agility in Conjunction with Rally/Obedience

As if Judge Dave Sliger's challenging courses weren't enough, Mother Nature decided to provide a few obstacles of her own in the form of WIND! Gusts of more than 20 mph proved too much for keeping jumps upright and steady, but we persevered and pressed on for the remainder of the weekend.

A huge thank-you to our team of course builders, especially our newest members, Carol Calderwood and Kasia Sawicki, who helped keep the rings running as smoothly as possible.

Despite the weather, Dixie Sick earned her MACH with Charlie owned by Janet Wahl. Congratulations!!

Agility was no exception to the national decline in entries, but we did manage to save a little money on lodging for our judge and trial secretary. Dave camped in his motorhome right at the park, while Marian Snapp was a good sport and stayed at my home.

We received lots of compliments about the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club, which I absolutely love hearing!

So, thank you to everyone who came out and volunteered your time. It truly is a team effort, and people notice and appreciate it.

*Janet, Dixie and Charlie,
Judge Dave Sliger*



August 7-9 — Stand-Alone Agility Trial

If you could order up a perfect weekend surrounded by so many great agility friends, this was it!

Mother Nature apparently figured we needed a break after the May trial and blessed us with beautiful weather, light winds, and a much better turnout of competitors.

Judge Jim Primmer designed some great, flowy courses, and many of our club members earned lots of placements and titles. I'll let them brag about those accomplishments at the next meeting!

A huge congratulations to our trial secretary, Lori Sage, who earned her MACH with her Sheltie, Crinkle! The biggest compliment I heard throughout the entire weekend was: "This is my favorite agility trial of the year!" That made all the hard work worthwhile.

And Carole Calderwood got High in Trial for tall dogs on Saturday, August 8th with her dog Riz!!

Kudos to everyone who came out for an hour or two—or stayed for the entire day—to help keep the rings running on time. Lori also brought her fabulous team of course builders, and it was wonderful to be able to relax and actually enjoy the weekend myself!

And, of course, a huge thank-you to Christine, who kept everyone fed and made sure no one went home hungry. Thank you for being there for me!

These trials truly are a team effort, and I am so proud of the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club family. Thank you to everyone who makes these weekends so special!



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All-Breed Leader of the Pack

by Joe Larson, Chair

First, let me say we receive many compliments on a nice show, which is largely due to many happy, helpful, and friendly members. So thank *you* all for showing up and helping out.

However, there's always room for improvement, and I welcome comments on what we can do new, better, or differently for next year's show.

I don't know about you, but I think the Southern Nibble food truck was adequate. I found it easier to ignore him if I didn't have to walk by the French fry smells.

Resisting the food truck's temptation saved me money for the raffle, which was great this year. The flyers around town helped spread the word. (Thanks go to Cathy Regan and Kasia Sawicki.) And, how did you like their new location?

What about the location of Concierge Care? Dr. Sonnya could be a good service for those who show regularly or the locals who show once a year. She brought her Otterhounds, too!

Our lodging is still an issue. The Dungeness Valley Inn was well-received and saved us a bunch. Do you know of any other good places we could try for next year to reduce costs?

The setup went pretty well. BaRay came early and we were bunched up for a while. We need to "have a talk" with the bungees on the big canopies, as they didn't want to stay put. Having both trailers parked together for the weekend was much better to find stuff. Tear down went well, except the trailers were not close. Thoughts?

In 2027, FastCat will be an HRKC event, which means we may need more help from Club members.

Next year (in your spare time) walk out and see FastCat. Along the way, you'll see about 100 campers, a couple of hundred cars, and the friendly parking crew in action. Be sure to say thanks. They are a big part of the show.

Our Awards contributions were more than ever this year, and we were able to offer cash awards in more categories than usual.

We need to get more thoughts on holding two shows on Friday. Several of the Washington clubs are offering this as perhaps a new way for smaller shows. It would be nice to add another 500 entries to our weekend, but we need to take our time making this decision.

Finally, we need to get judges lined up for our 2028 show. If you have suggestions for judges you would like to see at our event (ones that can judge three or more groups), please let me know asap. And also let me know of any new provisionals trying to get started.

Again, thank you for all your hard work in making the All-Breed show and all our events possible.





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Raffle Leader of the Pack

by Cathy Regan, Co-Chair

Our HRKC All-Breed Show raffle was a tremendous success thanks to the club members who stepped up to make it all come together.

A successful raffle doesn't just happen, it takes a pack of dedicated people working hours behind the scenes. Creating and distributing the fun flyers and collecting awesome prizes were all part of our success. We couldn't have done it without you.

In early July, we began contacting businesses and supporters in person, and then picked up and organized the donations. (Lesson learned: Start contacting businesses earlier than July.)

We had rain during setup, so we had to get creative to ensure everything stayed dry and organized throughout the show. There were many jobs to be done long before the first winning ticket was drawn.

Part of our success was our "morning of" decision to move the raffle location into the Show area, which increased the number of people viewing the raffle/prizes.

It was truly a team effort. Our planning and countless hours of work turned the donated prizes and raffle tickets into a fun and successful Club fundraiser that supports local animal-related charitable organizations.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated their time, created awesome prizes, helped with setup and cleanup, worked the raffle booth, and pitched in wherever needed. The real Raffle Leader of the Pack is the whole team that made the HRKC Raffle happen!

Scent Work Leader of the Pack

by Lorraine Shore, Chair

One of the things I appreciate most about the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club is the variety of opportunities our club provides for people to get out and do things with their dogs. Over the past couple of years, I have had the pleasure of serving as Chair of our HRKC AKC Scent Work Trials, and I am already beginning preparations for our 2027 Scent Work Trial.

Scent Work has become an increasingly popular dog sport, and for good reason. Based on the work of professional detection dogs, AKC Scent Work allows dogs to do something that comes naturally to them: use their incredible sense of smell to solve a problem.

It is also a sport in which the dog truly gets to take the lead. The handler does not know where the hide is located, so we have to learn to trust our dogs, recognize the changes in behavior that tell us they are working odor, and let them lead us to source. Dogs of virtually every breed, size and age can participate, making it a wonderful activity for a wide variety of dog-and-handler teams.

Bringing Scent Work to the Olympic Peninsula

One of the reasons I believe our HRKC Scent Work Trials are so important is simply where we live. Those of us on the Olympic Peninsula know that participating in dog sports frequently means getting up very early, driving several hours, staying overnight and then making the long trip home. Having an AKC Scent Work trial right here on the Peninsula gives our club members and other local competitors an opportunity to participate without having to travel hours to reach a trial.

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Our trials have been very successful, drawing teams who compete in everything from Novice through the upper levels of Scent Work. It is wonderful to see experienced teams working challenging searches, but it is equally rewarding to watch someone walk out of a search area after earning one of their very first qualifying scores.

Those moments are what dog sports are all about.

What Does It Take to Put on a Scent Work Trial?

For those who have not been involved behind the scenes, an AKC Scent Work trial may look fairly simple: hide some odor, bring in the dogs and start searching!

There is actually quite a bit more involved. Planning begins many months before the first dog ever crosses a start line. Dates and an appropriate site have to be secured, judges contacted and contracted, classes and elements determined, and the event submitted to AKC for approval.

Then comes the challenge of creating suitable search areas. AKC Scent Work includes Container, Interior, Exterior and Buried searches, and each level has its own requirements. A good trial site needs enough appropriate spaces to accommodate those searches while also allowing competitors and their dogs to move through the trial without interfering with active search areas.

As the trial gets closer, entries have to be processed, running orders developed, judging schedules coordinated, equipment gathered, ribbons and awards prepared, volunteer assignments made, signage posted and countless other details addressed.

And then trial day arrives. That is when our volunteers become absolutely essential.

A successful Scent Work trial needs people to serve as gate stewards, timers, score sheet runners, parking and traffic helpers, hospitality volunteers, setup and cleanup crews and many other roles.

Search areas have to remain secure, competitors need to know where they are supposed to be, judges need assistance, scores need to be recorded accurately, and everything needs to keep moving throughout the day.

It truly takes a team.

Our Volunteers Make It Possible

Our HRKC Scent Work Trials have been successful because of our wonderful club members and volunteers who are willing to step in wherever they are needed.

Some are experienced Scent Work competitors. Others may know very little about the sport when they first volunteer. There is a job for everyone, and volunteering is actually one of the best ways to learn about Scent Work.

When you steward at a trial, you get an opportunity to see many different breeds and handling styles. You watch dogs solve scent problems in completely different ways. You begin to recognize how odor behaves and how handlers learn to read their dogs. You also quickly discover just how impressive a dog's nose really is!

For those who have never volunteered at one of our Scent Work Trials, I encourage you to give it a try. You do not need to compete in Scent Work or

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understand all of the rules before volunteering. We will teach you what you need to know for your assignment, and there are plenty of jobs for beginners.

And, as with all of our HRKC events, many hands make the workload much lighter.

Looking Ahead to 2027

I am now beginning preparations for our 2027 HRKC Scent Work Trial, and I am excited to once again bring this opportunity to our club members and the dog-sport community on the Olympic Peninsula.

Putting on a successful trial requires months of preparation, good judges, a suitable site and a lot of organization - but ultimately, it is our club members and volunteers who make the event possible.

I am incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped with our Scent Work Trials over the past several years. Whether you worked all three days, filled in for a few hours, helped set up, carried equipment, timed searches, worked a gate, ran score sheets, helped with hospitality, or stayed to clean up at the end of a long weekend, you contributed to the success of the event.

If you have ever wondered whether Scent Work might be something you and your dog would enjoy, come out and see us in 2027. Better yet, volunteer for a shift and get a behind-the-scenes look at the sport.

You may just discover a new activity to enjoy with your dog.

After all, in Scent Work, the dog has the nose - we just have to learn to trust it!

Obedience Leader of the Pack

by Valerie Stanert, Chair

Our all breed obedience trial was a great success! We had terrific judges that despite a little wet weather kept things moving along with a smile. We can all be proud of our stewards, they were amazing as usual. I cannot praise them enough. It's because of them that our exhibitors have such a great experience at our shows and come back year after year.

All of our stewards are experienced and focused on supporting both judges and exhibitors and it was appreciated. I received compliments from both judges on how flexible and knowledgeable they were. We had a new judge, and one who was judging for the last time, each had high praise for our club and our stewards.

I also want to share a couple of notes I received from exhibitors after the show:

"I want to thank you and HRKC for working hard in putting on such wonderful obedience trials! The workers couldn't be lovelier and it's great to see young folks being involved!! The more than generous awards are icing on the cake!!! Could you please share this with the club? Valerie, It was nice chatting with you!" —Linda Rolf

And another:

"Thank you so much! Your club puts on such a good show which is why we keep coming back and love promoting your shows here in the Portland area." —Jan Lewis

Finally, I'm super proud of Amy Holms, who, in addition to stewarding, earned her second obedience title on her Newfie!

Editor's Note: Yes, that's the same Gus who appears on Page 3 looking so handsome.



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Pet Disaster Relief Trailer

HRKC's Pet Disaster Relief Trailer Initiative is gaining momentum!

So far, we've raised \$825 toward bringing a Pet Disaster Relief Trailer to our community, and we're hopeful that several conversations currently underway will result in some substantial additional donations.

Just as important as raising funds right now is getting the word out.

We recently ordered a retractable banner highlighting the initiative and debuted it at our All-Breed Show in July. In August, Lorraine took the banner to the Unity of Effort Celebration, helping introduce the project to another community audience while the rest of us were busy with our August Agility Trial.

Next stop: Pet Lover Days on September 12th from 11am to 3pm, where we'll once again have the banner on display and an opportunity to talk with pet lovers about why having a disaster relief trailer available locally could make such a difference when disaster strikes.

We're still in the early stages, but the pieces are beginning to come together. Every donation, every conversation, and every opportunity to share the project brings us a little closer to our goal.

Scan To Donate!



Pet Lover's Day

Mark your calendar for Pet Lover's Day, Saturday, September 12, from 11 am to 3 pm at Carrie Blake Park in Sequim. HRKC will be there—and we need some members and their dogs to help us show the community what HRKC is all about!

The free community event will feature more than 40 pet-friendly businesses and organizations, friendly farm animals, a pet playground, photo booth, raffles and prizes, food and beverages, and plenty of activities throughout the day.

We have a two-hour block from 11 am to 1 pm for dog demonstrations. Terry will kick things off with Canine Etiquette, followed by Nolyphen Nosework. After Nolyphen, we'd love to add an HRKC demonstration—perhaps Rally or Canine Good Citizen (CGC)—but we need volunteers and their dogs to make it happen. Other ideas? We'd love to hear them!

We may also need some helping hands to set up the ring, so even if you don't have a dog ready to demonstrate, there's still an opportunity to pitch in. Contact Kathy Beil (her phone number is on the Roster on the members-only section of the HRKC website), who is coordinating HRKC's volunteers for the event.

Our booth will also showcase our Pet Disaster Relief Trailer Initiative and our effort to bring this important resource to our community.

So come spend a few hours with HRKC, meet other pet lovers and help us introduce our Club—and some of the many things we do—to the community.

We hope to see you there!



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Still Doing Fun Walks? Yes, yes, we are, and glad you asked!

Start your Saturday with fresh air, your canine companion, and good company! All HRKC club members are welcome to join our Club's Fit Dog/Fun Walks. It is a great way to get outside, enjoy the outdoors, and spend time with fellow dog lovers.

Our Saturday morning walks are about more than exercise—they're a chance for our dogs to socialize, for handlers to connect, and for everyone to have fun together. These walks are an opportunity to enjoy the paved Discovery Trail as well as many of the groomed trails in our area. Whether your dogs are seasoned walking partners or simply enjoy a stroll, all are welcome.



Looking ahead, the AKC Turkey Trot is coming up this fall. Our Saturday morning walks are a great way to get you and your canine companion ready for this fun event. So grab your leash, lace up your walking shoes, and join us.

Healthy dogs, happy people, and great friends—one step at a time.

If you have any questions, please email info@hrkc.org with "HRKC FunWalks" in the subject line.

Clallam County Fair

The Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club's Pet Disaster Relief Trailer banner and fundraising materials were part of the Clallam County Emergency Management's booth at the Clallam County Fair this year.

Visitors were encouraged to stop by the Emergency Management booth to pick up a flyer with a QR code to donate and learn more about our important project.

"As dog lovers, we know our animals are family. Preparing for disasters means making sure resources are in place to protect and care for them when our community needs them most."

The Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club is excited to work alongside Clallam County Emergency Management on this effort, and we hope our members, friends, fellow animal lovers, and community will join us in reaching our goal. Together, we can help make Clallam County better prepared for people AND pets!

Unity of Effort

Our Pet Disaster Relief Trailer display was also part of the Clallam County Emergency Management's display at the Unity of Effort on August 8th in Sequim. We may have some exciting news to share about that!!! Stay tuned.





SO YOU'RE GETTING INTO DOGS... WELL, BLESS YOUR HEART.

Come on in, sugar. We've been expecting you. Go ahead and leave your money, free time and common sense at the door.

First thing you need to understand: you're about to give up half your house and your entire life savings. The other half of the house will eventually go too—we just don't want to scare you right off the bat.

And you better build some storage.

Because somehow 6 dogs require 30 crates, 60 bowls, 100 leashes, 47 collars, 14 grooming bags, 12 dog beds nobody sleeps in and one crate pan from 1997.

Can you throw that crate pan away? ABSOLUTELY NOT. It might fit something someday.

Before long, your living room is a kennel with a couch. Your dining room table is a grooming station. Your spare bedroom is a puppy nursery. And you haven't eaten at your kitchen table since the Bush Administration because that's where the dog supplies live now.

Then there's the garage. Lord have mercy.

One day you'll open that door and realize you're one concerned neighbor away from appearing on Hoarders: Dog Show Edition. Crates stacked to the ceiling. X-pens multiplying when nobody is looking.

Grooming tables, dryers, chairs, coolers, totes and enough ribbons to decorate every pew at the First Baptist Church.

Your husband will eventually ask: "Where am I supposed to park?" Outside, Earl. The dogs have a climate-controlled grooming area. Know your place.

And let's discuss finances.

You'll stand in Walmart and say, "\$5.98 for eggs?! Have these people lost their minds?" Then drive straight to the pet store and spend \$238 on dog food, shampoo, and some supplement you can't pronounce because somebody on Facebook said it makes coat grow.

The dogs eat premium food, fresh eggs, blueberries and supplements. You're eating a bologna sandwich over the sink.

Because we're on a budget.

Then every six months you'll make the big announcement: "I'm cutting back on dogs and taking a break from showing." Your family won't even look up anymore. They've heard this lie before.

Three days later the premium list drops and you're sitting there with a calculator figuring out whether the electric company really meant Friday.

Welcome to the dog world, darlin'.

The dogs now own your house, garage, weekends, vehicle, bank account, and the last functioning nerve the Good Lord blessed you with.

And somehow, standing in the middle of all that foolishness, you'll smile and say..."I might keep this puppy."

And THAT, my friends, is how you end up needing another crate.

[Borrowed from a Chinese Cresteds - EverCrest Kennels Facebook post.]