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 would like to thank those who recently helped to get the trailers ready for the 2026 shows and trials. If you couldn't make it don't feel bad. There will be several more opportunities at the upcoming events. Everything will need to come back out of the trailers, be used, then be reloaded.

While many dog clubs are struggling with members and funds, HRKC continues to gather active members and donate extra funds to help other dog endeavors. I am always asking for suggestions on ways we may add activities or improve/change our current list.

This past year with Cathy Regan's guidance, HRKC became an AKC Fit Dog Club. If you're looking for something to do on a Saturday morning, check your email for time and directions. (Read more about it in this newsletter too!)

Last Fall Kathy Beil got us in Pet Lover's day, with a booth in the park amongst hundreds of pet people, an event that's sure to be better this year! These add to our existing Scent Work, Agility, Obedience, Rally and Conformation events. And, let's not forget a nice picnic and Christmas party.

It's easy to look back, but at the same time we're always thinking about what are we going to do new and better this year.

Thanks for all of your help!
Joe Larson, HRKC President

Joe

Meeting Highlights

In October, Dixie Sick gave a presentation on Canine Fitness, which is so important in maintaining a healthy weight along with strong muscles and bones, reducing stress, creating a strong bond with owners, and in overall longevity. It can also help with reactive dogs by keeping them mentally stimulated and helping them move from the reactive side of the brain to the thinking side of the brain. Want to know more or want schedule a workshop? Contact Dixie at 360-808-1819 or almals350@gmail.com.

In November, K-9 Officer Eric Prang and K-9 Ghost gave a presentation on the Department of Corrections' K-9 Academy program which trains handlers to work with shelter dogs for drug detection primarily in prison settings, but also in other public settings. The presentation included a Live Search where Joe Larson volunteered to have the training drugs placed in his pocket. Ghost quickly found them! Joe was unharmed.

We had our Annual Meeting in December where we presented a check for $2,000 to the Peninsula Pet Emergency Group, had board elections and announced our Volunteer of the Year, Christine Stallard.

[Detailed minutes are emailed to all HRKC members. Questions? Email info@hrkc.org.]



Upcoming Events

2026 Show Schedule

- May 8-10: Scent Work Trial
- May 30-June: 1 A/R/O
- July 25-27: AKC All-Breed Shows and Rally and Obedience Trials
- August 8-10: Agility Trials

Check hrkc.org for details

Volunteers Needed!

May 7-10
Clallam County Fairgrounds
Sign Up Here:
https://www.hrkc.org/2025scentwork/volunteer-sign-up

Club Fun Walks

Saturdays at 11 AM | Location specifics emailed weekly

Newsletter Submission Deadline

Q2 | April 30, 2026
Q3 | July 15, 2026
Q4 | September 30, 2026
[Submit articles to info@hrkc.org]

Sponsorship Awards

Deadline for submissions is March 29th. Questions? Email info@hrkc.org

Dues Deadline

Dues must be paid by March 10th [according to the Bylaws]

Brags and Wags

In October, Karen Parker said she went to Winnemucca, Nevada for the Australian Shepherd Club of America's National Specialty. Willow got her 2nd leg on Novice Obedience, her Novice Gambler, and she's 5 points away from Elite Standard.

Elena said that Iris got an Award of Merit at the Montgomery national specialty. Iris got Best Bred by Exhibitor out of the entered Irish Terrier champions, and Lavender got Best Bred by Exhibitor out of the entered class of Irish Terriers.

In November, Cathy Regan said that Gio is a Fit Dog! As a reminder, our Fun Walks qualify. Just fill out the AKC paperwork to track your walks, and voila!

Rene' said that Nitro got a first trial title NACSW NW3.

In December, Jo Chinn said that at the Monroe shows, Billie managed a five-point major, and celebrated by rolling on her back on the floor during Best of Breed (dogs will be dogs). Even with that, she went Best of Winners.

Leil Morgenroth said her two pups are retrieving on the flat and over jumps and she is very proud of them (and should be)!

Nancy Field said that Franklin got his Novice Handler Discrimination title in Scent Work.

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Lorraine and Nova. What a pair! Nova capped off a week of dog showing in Arizona with another Best of Breed and Best Owner Handled!! Jennifer and Eros earned a Bred-By Group 4—totally worth waiting for Group and then sprinting to the airport after. Jill finished Malik's Championship today with all majors at his first dog show!

Nova and Lorraine showed in: 7 Breed shows, 6 OH Working Groups, 2 Working Groups, and Passed 2 Temperament Tests. And the final tally for Nova: 2 Best of Breed, 5 Best Opposite Sex, 6 Best Owner Handled, 4 OH Working Group 4 Finished her Grand Championship on Day 2 with all 5-point majors, Won BOB at the GPCSW, Specialty for a BISS, and earned her AKC ATT Title.

And the very best part according to Lorraine? Nova handled all those shows and the temperament tests like she was heading to a puppy party—tail wagging nonstop and loving everyone she met. She is an amazing girl, and I'm so thankful to Jill for our special girl.



Tip of the Tail

Join us on Zoom!

Sometimes you just can't make it to the meeting in person. We get it.

That's why we have our own Zoom room! Not sure how to use it? This is for you.

1. Open a browser window
2. Go to hrkc.org/Zoom
3. Turn on your camera so we can see you!
4. Make sure your microphone is on mute except for Roll Call or if you want to ask questions.
5. Put your name in the Chat for Roll Call so we don't miss you. Be sure to tell us your name, breed, and if you're a current member.
6. You can also raise your hand if you want to ask a question…we'll try to pay attention!

If you cannot get into the Zoom room for some reason, email info@hrkc.org and we'll try to troubleshoot the problem.

Your 2026 Board of Directors

We held elections for 3 of your board members in December. Lorraine Shore was elected as Vice-President, Christine Stallard as Secretary, and Elena Metz as board member. All for two-year terms.

Joe Larson - President
Lorraine Shore - Vice-President
Joe Metz - Treasurer
Christine Stallard - Secretary
Kathy Beil, Mariko Saum, Elena Metz - Board Members



Winter/SpringMeetings

Starting in **April**, we will resume our regular meeting schedule at Working Spot on the **3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm.**



Courtesy of Getty Images for The Westminster Kennel Club

It's a Small World…

Penny GCHP CH Connquest Best Of Both Worlds of Reseda, CA, a 4-year-old Doberman Pinscher, won 2026 Best in Show at Westminster. Here's an interesting "Tip of the Tale" though. She was handled by Andy Linton who is from the Pacific Northwest and has been a regular handler at our HRKC show. One of our members said, "He is one of the nicest, kindest handlers and always has been complementary to me." How cool is that?

The Pack Report

Scent Work Leader of the Pack

by Lorraine Shore, Trial Chair

And, we're off! The dates for the **Scent Work trial are May 8-10 with set-up on May 7th**. Scent Work is very popular, but these trials don't happen without dedicated leadership. And, we have that! Lorraine has graciously agreed to Chair the 2026 Scent Work trial, Karen Parker has agreed to help coordinate volunteers, Elaine Diedrich will Co-Chair, Kathy Beil is heading up Hospitality, and Elke Wiersema will assume RV Chair.

Speaking of Volunteers...

Hello!! Have you ever wondered what all the rave is about for Scentwork? Curious about what the sniffy dogs do in a Scentwork Trial?!? Maybe you're new to Scentwork and want to ease into a future competition event with your dogs?? Well, here's your opportunity to get a front row seat and while supporting the HRKC!

I am actively recruiting volunteers to help set up, work with judges and general light duties throughout the weekend.

Can you hold a clipboard and check people in? Use a stopwatch? We'd love to have you (even if you can only participate for a few hours)! Nothing is strenuous and we'll even find a chair or two to accommodate you! I'll have more information as the "duty" list evolves but for now you can **sign up on our website** at https://www.hrkc.org/2025scentwork/volunteer-sign-up! Easy peasy!

Let's make this year's Scentwork trial Scentsational!
Thank you,
Karen Parker, pawsitive.approach58@gmail.com
206.919.2092

All-Breed Leader of the Pack

by Joe Larson, Trial Chair

Last quarter, Joe Larson said "now was the time" to create Standard Operating Procedure manuals for events to help us coordinate and allow volunteers to step in and know what to do if necessary. Thanks to Steve Chinn's vision to create the "whole picture" of putting on an event, and his effort to put together a template we could use, we're off and running. If you've attended one of our monthly meetings, you may have seen the manual next to Joe. Check it out!

We held a work party to inventory what is in the trailers and organize them for upcoming events. Christine said she remembered Anne Andritsch saying we had more Hospitality bins; and guess what? We found them. Let's just say we have plenty of coffee cups. We're ready for the Scent Work trial.

In other updates, we're going to reconsider purchasing a party tent for Hospitality and try to use our own equipment. Christine agreed to Chair the Trophy/Sponsorship Committee, with Yumi's help. This year's form is out and we need to have our sponsors (and payment) nailed down by March 29th to meet our April 1st BaRay deadline. Need a form? Email: info@hrkc.org or call 541.698.7417.

Thank you to everyone—volunteers, participants, and supporters—who contribute to the success of our events each year. We couldn't do it without you!



HRKC in the Community

Charitable Donations

Your HRKC is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization. According to our Bylaws, no profit or remainder of dues may benefit any member or individual. But, we are able to donate to charities.

Last year, after a thorough review of our finances, the HRKC Board of Directors elected to donate $2,000 to 4 charitable organizations. At the October membership meeting, members in attendance voted to donate $2,000 to the Sequim Police K-9 Program, Port Angeles Police K-9 Program, Peninsula Pet Emergency Group, and the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

These donations were made possible by you and the countless hours you devoted to our AKC canine events in 2025.

The Club presented a check to the Peninsula Pet Emergency Group at the Annual Meeting/Christmas Party in December. This organization is an independently-owned and operated, single doctor emergency service. Dr. Amanda Mason has collaborated with Dr. Linda Allen of Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital, and utilizing her hospital space provides emergency after-hours services to our community. They were honored to receive it and look forward to serving the community.



It took us a while to catch up to the K-9 groups, but we finally did. They attended our February meeting. And, it was amazing! Accepting the donations were: Sequim PD K-9 Officer Taran Johnson with K-9 Dutch, Sequim Police Chief Mike Hill, Port Angeles PD K-9 Officer Whitney Fairbanks with K-9 Copper

Police K-9 teams are highly trained working units that assist in suspect apprehension, tracking, narcotics detection, evidence searches, and community outreach. These dogs and their handlers undergo extensive training and ongoing certification to ensure they are prepared to serve and protect our communities safely and effectively.

K-9 programs are often supported in part by donations. Funds help with the purchase of K-9 dogs, specialized training, equipment, and medical care throughout the dog's working life.





HRKC in the Community

Fun Walks

In case you didn't hear, HRKC is now a Fit Dog Club thanks to Cathy Regan! She not only organizes the weekly walks (look for a weekly email from her with the location and other details), she was instrumental in getting the designation for our Club. Thanks Cathy!

If you go on our Club Fun Walks or you walk often with your dog/s you can earn an AKC Fit Dog car magnet. Find more here about getting your free AKC Fit Dog car magnet AKC Fit Dog Magnet Order Form.

You can also earn AKC Fit Dog titles, Bronze, Silver and Gold. If you do other dog sport activities you may already have points earned to go toward the AKC Fit Dog titles. Some dog sport activities listed on the AKC Fit Dog webpages are, AKC Agility, Dock diving, Disc Dog, AKC FAST CAT, AKC Lure coursing, AKC Herding, NAFA Flyball, AKC Fetch, AKC Field Trial or Hunting Test , AKC Rally/Obedience, AKC Tracking.

Our HRKC Walks are listed as one of the activities that help you earn points toward AKC Fit Dog titles. Here is the link to more info about the AKC Fit Dog titles you can earn AKC FIT DOG Titles – American Kennel Club.







Kasia and Timmy Far Left

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Now for a couple of fun facts.

Kasia Sawicki walks every week (or most every week) with a dog from WAG. She mentioned at our February meeting that she had been walking with Timmy, a 2-year-old WAG dog that apparently no one was interested in adopting. But our HRKC fun-walkers encountered some people on a Saturday walk who, after observing how well-behaved Timmy was around other dogs (particularly small ones), fell in love and adopted Timmy. Kasia thanks HRKC members, but I think we owe her the thanks, right?

And, now, here's how our walkers spent Valentine's Day; with happy dogs, great friends, and fresh Olympic Peninsula air.

They started at the Lofgrin Road trailhead and headed East on the Olympic Discovery Trail, winding through lush fern-filled and moss-covered forest trails. Then on to John Wayne Marina (yes, that John Wayne), looping back through gorgeous forested paths to the Johnson Creek Trestle, finishing up on the ODT. They had perfect weather, 3.5 miles of exercise for dogs and humans, tons of photos (check out the Facebook page), and a great way to strengthen friendships among club members.

Classifieds

New HRKC Member Classifieds

We're excited to introduce a new section in the newsletter — HRKC Member Classifieds!

This space is designed to help our members connect, support one another, and share their dog-related passions and businesses. Whether you offer grooming, training, pet sitting, handcrafted dog gear, photography, boarding, or other canine services — this is your place to let fellow members know.

Our club is filled with talented, creative, dog-loving people. Let's celebrate and support each other!

If you'd like to submit a listing for an upcoming newsletter, please send your information to info@hrkc.org by the deadline [see Page 1]. Put "Classified Ad" in the Subject Line please.

Sophie's Touch
Therapeutic Animal Massage
Debby Zuber, SAMP
(206) 795-1201
344 Atterberry Road, Sequim 98382
sophiestouchmassage.com



Landscaping Supplies, Tools & Building Materials for Sale

Selling items from our landscaping business, along with a variety of building and remodeling materials — you might find a gem!

Available items include: Nursery & garden supplies, shop tools, equipment, building materials, and more. (A detailed list is available upon request.)

Visits by appointment beginning in March.

Special Perk: While you browse, you're welcome to use my fenced 120' x 120' dog field for your pups to run or practice basic training.

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