

# DOG EARED JOURNAL

## Editor Needs YOU

This newsletter is for the members of the HRKC, and we'd like to include YOUR news, brags, events and pup pictures (pups of all ages!). Please send your stuff to Marie at [hrkcnews@yahoo.com](mailto:hrkcnews@yahoo.com).

## Web Pages

These pages present the club to the wider world, and serve members in various ways. In the coming months, the pages will take on a new look and structure. Please - I need your help here too! Send ideas, requests, comments and content to [hrkcnews@yahoo.com](mailto:hrkcnews@yahoo.com).

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Bell Hill. Sequim WA October 2016

## Editor's Note

Me again. Don't you just love fall? As a relative newbie to Sequim and the NOP, I must say that this version of fall and the coming winter are amazing. I've lived all over and traveled a lot, and I must say - I've finally landed in Paradise! And most especially because nearly every day we get some sun, and the dogs can go out and roll in the grass and just enjoy being dogs. I'm taking a lot of pictures from the dog park & sending to jealous friends.



The club owns a printer that is too high-powered for us. We would like to sell it. Maybe one of our members would take charge of the sale. It could be listed on Craig's list, in the Daily News, etc. Or maybe one of our members would like to buy it! This printer would be perfect for a small office.



**Brother MFC-9840CDW Color Laser Printer, Copier, Scanner, Fax, only 33,567 copies made! There's even an extra set of ink cartridges!**

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The MFC-9840CDW is the ultimate color laser Multi-Function Center business solution that offers superior quality color laser printing, faxing, copying and scanning with built-in wireless and Ethernet network interfaces. It delivers superior quality color and black laser output at up to 21 pages per minute. It also features automatic duplex printing, copying, faxing and scanning, a legal-size document glass and a 50-sheet auto document feeder. A USB direct interface allows you to print directly from a USB flash drive or PictBridge enabled camera. High capacity replacement toner cartridges are available to help keep your cost per page low, too. (There is a used one at Amazon for \$325.00.)

If you're interested in buying it, or helping the club sell it, contact Jo Chinn at [researcherjo@gmail.com](mailto:researcherjo@gmail.com). Please. With sprinkles on top.

## In The News

### A New Baby!

Kimberly Gibbons moved to Long Beach in June. But she shared that she has a new pup! Meet Klip, an American Shepard formally called Mini Aussies. His name is Klipsans Cake By The Ocean. We call him Klip. She's planning on showing him Obedience and Rally - look out world!



## Pets in Danger: Domestic Violence

Did you know that many victims of domestic violence and related crimes will avoid leaving or even return to a dangerous situation out of fear and concern for their pets? All too often, shelters for these victims are unable (or unwilling) to provide a safe place for those trying to get out. In 2010, the AKC developed the [AKC Women's Shelter Grant Program](#) through the AKC Humane Fund to assist shelters in developing programs to address this tragic situation.

Senator Kelly Ayotte (Rep, NH) co-sponsored a bill, Pet and Women Safety Act of 2015 (S1559) that would

*Amend the federal criminal code to prohibit threats or acts of violence against a person's pet under the offenses of stalking and interstate violation of a protection order. Defines "pet" to mean a domesticated animal that is kept for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes.*

*Requires the "full amount of the victim's losses" for purposes of restitution in domestic violence and stalking offenses to include any costs incurred for veterinary services relating to physical care for the victim's pet.*

*Directs the Department of Agriculture to award grants to eligible entities to carry out programs to provide specified housing assistance, support services, and training of relevant stakeholders to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and their pets.*

*Expresses the sense of Congress that states should encourage the inclusion of protections against violent or threatening acts against the pet of the person in domestic violence protection orders.*

For her actions, the AKC presented Senator Ayotte with the AKC Legislator of the Year Award on October 14, 2016. "Senator Ayotte has been a great friend to dogs and a tremendous advocate for responsible dog owners and dog ownership," said Sheila Goffe, Vice President of Government Relations for the AKC. "One example of her leadership is her introduction of [S. 1559, the Pet and Women Safety Act \(PAWS\)](#), which establishes a

program to help victims of domestic violence obtain safe accommodations for their pets when they are seeking shelter from their attackers.”

We should be proud that our own Senator Patty Murray (Dem, WA) is a co-sponsor of the bill, which is now in committee. (for further details on the bill, go to <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1559/cosponsors?q=%07B%022search%022%03A%05B%022S1559%022%05D%07D&resultIndex=1>. An easier way (rather than typing all that) is to go to our web page and look under the Links page. I'll link it there!)

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\* The statistics are terrifying: 71% of pet owners entering domestic violence shelters report that their batterer had threatened, injured or killed family pets. For more information on the links between domestic violence and pets, see [https://hope-eci.org/\\_documents/petsanddv.pdf](https://hope-eci.org/_documents/petsanddv.pdf); again, I'll put a link on the club website, under Links.

## **Pets in Danger: Montreal's Pit Bull Ban**

Montreal's pit bull ban has, thankfully, been put on hold. Justice Louis Gouin of the Quebec Superior Court suspended the enforcement of the ban while he is reviewing the Montreal's SPCA suit against the city, which passed the ban earlier this month. Arguing that the law was “so vaguely worded” that it seemed to put any large headed dog at risk. Justice Gouin noted that the law described the ban as applying to American Stafforshire Terriers, Staffordshire Terriers, American pit bull terriers *or any mix of these breeds*. (emphasis mine) The law was passed after a Montreal woman was mauled to death. While first reports identified the dog as a pit bull, the owners registration of the dog showed that it was, in fact, a boxer.

The suspension hasn't solved the problem any more than the ban did, but at least beloved pets won't be at risk of being destroyed. Let's hope Montreal doesn't follow the lead of Ontario, which did put in place a pit bull ban, widely derided as a failure that has not affected the number of dog bites reported in the province.





## **Party Time!!**

Mark Your Calendars!!

The HRKC Holiday party will be December 21, 2016, 6-9PM.

Venue - Sequim Prairie Garden Club, in the Pioneer Memorial Garden, 387 East Washington Street, Sequim, WA. That's just across from the co-op!

As usual, it'll be potluck except for the main meat dishes. So think up something wonderful, stir up an old family favorite and come join us!

No dogs allowed.