

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.

President's Message

Let me tell you a story. When I was HRKC president about twenty years ago I had a more than full-time job, over twenty dogs, several litters a year, went to dog shows at least once a month and still managed a half-page President's Message for the monthly newsletter.

Now I'm trying to remember if I've had lunch yet. I rarely go to work, haven't whelped a litter in 9 years, haven't been to a dog show in three and yet I can't manage a complete sentence sometimes. Can anyone else relate?

Which brings me to what I really want to say today. I would like to send my appreciation for all the help from the membership at our events. Several of you stand out, but this Club and our friends are what make the events enjoyable for all.

Our big event of the year is coming soon and again we sure can use your help. The most important job is to be friendly and helpful to our guests and other members throughout the weekend. Just helping where and when you can will offer others a much-needed break. I know you, and I know that's an easy ask.

Joe Larson
President, HRKC

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Meeting Highlights

In April, we voted on and unanimously adopted our final Bylaws Amendment based on feedback from the AKC. Lorraine discussed the AKC's Fit Dog Program, and we approved paying tuition for two Club members to take the Fit Test Evaluator certification classes. If you are interested, send an email to info@hrkc.org with the Subject Line "Fit Test Evaluator."

In May, Christine handed out the HRKC business cards she was asked to design/print. Ann Patterson was unanimously voted in as a new member. Lisa Sherry will be taking over awards from Jan (thanks Jan), and is looking for a Co-Chair. Joe Larson is looking for a Co-chair for the All-Breed Show. We discussed the AKC's Dealing With Misconduct, and all members were encouraged to review and become familiar with the policies.

In June, Karen Parker thanked all the volunteers who came out to help set up the agility trial rings. We discussed having a hat or shirt for Club members to wear at the events. Karen will bring a proposal back for consideration. As we did every month, Show Chairs gave detailed updates. We set the date—August 20th—for the Club picnic, and Lorraine took the lead on securing the location.

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

**July 5th Fun Walk at
Dungeness Recreation
Area**



Upcoming Events

2025 Show Schedule

- July 25-27: AKC All-Breed Shows and Rally and Obedience Trials
- August 8-10: Agility Trials

Check hrkc.org for details

Summer Picnic

August 20

Sequim Prairie Grange

290 Macleay Rd, Sequim, WA

5pm Set Up

6-8pm Picnic

**Bring your favorite dish to share!
HRKC will provide water, drinks,
plates, cutlery, napkins, etc.**

Club Fun Walks

Saturdays at 11 AM | Location
specifics emailed weekly

Newsletter Submission Deadline

Q4 | September 30, 2025

Q1 | January 30, 2026

Q2 | April 30, 2026

Q3 | July 15, 2026

Q4 | September 30, 2026

[Submit articles to info@hrkc.org]



Braggs and Wags



In April, Susan Parr mentioned that Vegas got a CD, the only Bernese Mountain Dog to be #1 All-Breed Versatility Dog. She also got her NW2 Title, with Wally, the Golden Retriever earning his NW1 Title. Mariko's Volare (Japanese Chin) took Winner's dog both days in Bremerton and best of winner's one day. Shasta Bouvier took Winner's bitch and George Bouvier took Winner's dog both days and Best of Winner's Dog one day. Magic Bouvier won select two days, and Kiki took best Border Terrier puppy. Elena's Irish Terrier Lavender earned her Canadian Championship and is the #1 Canadian Irish Terrier. Lorraine's Saffron earned her NW3 container title.

In May, Anne said that Sophie is an official Bark Ranger for Washington State Park. She was on lead like she's supposed to be, and as a thank you for obeying the rules, she got a scarf. Bruce Good talked about his and Hattie's line of Irish Terriers, and a puppy (Ronin) that got Reserved Best in Show. Ronin is the #1 Irish Terrier in Canada as a puppy at only 11 months old. Karen Parker said that Willow got Elite Standard Title.

In June, Karen Parker said that Willow got her Open Jumpers Title.

Susan with Wally and Vegas



Anne and Sophie



Willow



Lavender



Magic rockin' her first-time Mama gig



Member Spotlight



Lorraine and Howard Shore

Howard and I joined the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club in 2009, shortly after retiring to Clallam County from Anchorage, Alaska. We've been active in dog breeding, training, and exhibiting for over 30 years, and HRKC is the first All-Breed Club we became members of.

Howard founded the Schutzhund Club in Anchorage, but at the time, I was too busy with work and family to actively participate in a club.

We are also proud members of the German Pinscher Club of America, the Mt. Rainier Working Dog Club, and the German Pinscher Club of the Pacific Northwest.

I've been honored to serve in various roles on the HRKC Board and truly enjoy the many opportunities the club provides—especially meeting fellow dog lovers, helping organize dog events, and supporting health clinics and seminars.

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Howard and Lorraine with Bogie and Bacall.



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We currently share our home with four German Pinschers. We actively show in Conformation and compete in Scent Work, and have also trained in Agility, Rally/Obedience, and Tracking.

Howard and I have spent most of our lives in law enforcement. I currently serve as the Clallam County Undersheriff, and Howard is a Clallam County Probation Officer.

After retiring from the Anchorage Police Department in 2008—Howard as a Detective and myself as a Lieutenant—we initially planned to travel the country in an RV. But as life would have it, we were given the opportunity to continue serving our community here in Clallam County, and we embraced it.

Eventually, we plan to retire again and look forward to spending more time with our children, grandchildren, and our furry companions.

The Club thanks Howard and Lorraine for all their volunteer work and support.



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Scent Work Leader of the Pack

Our Scent Work trials are popular—but they don't happen without dedicated leadership behind the scenes. Lorraine has graciously agreed to Chair the 2026 Scent Work trial and Karen Parker has agreed to help coordinate volunteers. We are looking for a Co-Chair so if you're interested, please contact Lorraine!

Why step up? Taking on the role of Trial Chair is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to the club's success. We appreciate our Trial Chairs and ALL our volunteers. It's especially important to have Co-Chairs too!

Speaking of Volunteers...Our Club Needs You!

While our events are fun and rewarding, they don't run themselves—it takes a **committed pack of volunteers to make them happen**. Although we had a solid team step up for the recent Scent Work trial, the majority weren't Club members. As we look ahead to upcoming events, we're calling on you—our members—to get involved. **The All-Breed Show is the perfect opportunity!**

No experience? No problem. Many volunteer jobs require no prior knowledge, and for those that do, we'll pair you with someone who's been around the ring a time or two. Whether it's helping set up, timing, stewarding, or just offering an extra set of hands—we have a role for you.

We can't put on successful shows without your help. Even if you're unsure what's needed, show up—we'll put you to work and make it fun!

Scent Work Trial Report

by Lorraine Shore, Scent Work Trial Chair

The Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club (HRKC) has proudly hosted several AKC Scentwork Trials over the past few years, and they continue to be enthusiastically received by competitors and spectators alike. Held annually over Mother's Day weekend, these trials are often graced with beautiful weather, and 2025 was no exception.

Held at the Port Angeles Fairgrounds, we offered all elements and all levels of competition: Container, Buried, Interior, and Exterior searches from Novice through Master levels, with Detective runs included each day. We had 700 entries in 2025 and a net gain of over \$4,000 (proceeds support future HRKC events and donations to nonprofit organizations).

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! Especially Georgia Towle (Volunteer Coordinator extraordinaire), Joe Metz (Gate Sign Designer), Kathy Beil (Fabulous Hospitality Chair), Rene' Fox, Joe Larson, and Nancy Radich (Tireless on-site support from start to finish), and Geri Mason (Our outstanding Trial Secretary).



Scent Work Trial Chair Lorraine with Saffron and her AKC Master Elite Ribbon



From the Treat Jar



Shared tips, recipes, tricks, and member swaps.

This is where all the fun stuff lands—from homemade dog treat recipes to travel hacks, grooming secrets, and clever training ideas passed from one dog lover to another.

Joyce's Doggy Jello Shots

You will need a square or rectangular pyrex or metal pan with 2" high sides. (Not a baking sheet.) Measure the volume of your pan so you know how much "soup" to make. To do this, use a measuring cup and fill the pan with water until the level is about 1" high. That's how many cups of liquid you need.

For every two cups of liquid, you will need 3 packets of unflavored gelatin.

My pan holds 4 cups (up to about 1"), so I use 6 packets of gelatin.

Heat up the right number of cups of chicken* or beef stock (preferably homemade) to nearly boiling. Sprinkle each packet into the hot soup, stirring thoroughly after each one. Continue stirring for another two minutes.

Transfer the mixture to your pan, cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate until firm (a couple of hours).

Cut into one inch wide strips, and then cut again into 1 inch cubes.

They are easy to remove from the pan with your fingers, and don't leave your fingers feeling sticky. Toss one to your dog. If they miss, watch it bounce!

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These are great "hydration" treats on hot days, are very low calorie, and won't fill your dog up.

Have fun! Feel free to share!

** Please note, many store-bought stocks contain onions (bad for dogs) and a lot of salt. My favorite way to make dog-friendly stock is to finish off a Costco (or other) roast chicken, put the carcass in a large pot of water, and boil/simmer for several (3+) hours. Toss the bones and skin, strain and refrigerate the stock. Use what you need for a batch of shots, and freeze the rest in one or two cup containers, so it is all ready for your next batch.*

Shared by Joyce Robbins. Thank you Joyce!



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Agility Leader of the Pack

by Karen Parker, Agility Trial Chair

As a dog agility trainer, I often am told by people wanting to get into the sport that their dog can run fast and jump high and think their dog would be a good candidate for agility! Yes...but, does your dog like to WORK with you to do those things?

What exactly is agility? Here's a simple definition from Wikipedia: "*Dog agility is a dog sport in which a handler directs a dog through an obstacle course in a race for both time and accuracy. Dogs run off leash with no food or toys as incentives, and the handler can touch neither dog nor obstacles. The handler's controls are limited to voice, movement, and various body signals, requiring exceptional training of the animal and coordination of the handler.*"

Easy enough, right?

Now imagine all the obstacles associated with agility, i.e. jumps, tunnels, weave poles, dog walk, A-frame, teeter, table, etc. and all the behaviors required for each one. Do I need my dog to jump and then turn right or left? Do I want my dog to stop at the end of the contact equipment or run through? Can my dog enter the weave poles regardless of which side the handler is on?

So many hours go into teaching the dog all these behaviors and more!! And just because we can do them in the backyard, does it mean we can do them in a very stimulating environment with lots of distractions?

How does the main brain of the team (the handler) know best to get their teammate on the best and correct path to complete the course?

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Again, hours and hours of learning (and patiently reminding students why this particular "plan" won't end well!!).

We are blessed to have 2 agility trials each year that are sponsored by HRKC here in Sequim at Carrie Blake Park. Our May trial was held as part of the HRKC's 3-day Agility, Rally, and Obedience Trials.

Our next agility event is August 8-10 where you can see over 100 teams navigate courses to see who runs fastest and cleanest...and hopefully appreciate those that dedicate the time and effort to train, compete, but most importantly, PLAY with their dogs at the highest level.

As with all our events, the agility trials wouldn't be possible without volunteers who come together to set up the rings, build the course according to the judge's course design, time the runs, set bars, and keep track of who's in the ring next.

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



Alli Bouvier. One of Karen's students.

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For the Love of Dog – Get a Massage

First in a 2-part series by Sophie's Touch Therapeutic Animal Massage | Debby Zuber, SAMP

Studies show that touch has a long-lasting positive effect in our dogs. Touch increases oxytocin (feel-good hormone) and decreases cortisol (stress hormone) in the bloodstream. These effects persist for a long time after the interaction.

If you've ever personally received a massage you know that it makes your whole body feel renewed, relaxed, fluid, flexible and balanced. You sleep better afterward and many aches and pains melt away. A good massage therapist can send you into a deep state of mental and physical relaxation, like you've had a nice nap.

All these same effects and feelings can be experienced by our four-legged companions. Massage is touch with intent, focusing on function and comfort. The intent – or projected energy – is to heal. Massage works with the fascia – the connective tissue -- throughout the body. We hear about the skin being fascia, but did you know that we have fascia everywhere under the skin as well?

Fascia can be injured by accident in play and sports but it is also injured during surgery. It can be positively affected by temperature, pressure and friction; in other words, massage. There are three general categories for massage therapy; general wellness and sports, rehabilitation, and geriatric.

Wellness and sports massage focuses on bodily function by improving circulation and removing waste product from the body. It improves symmetry of movement and provides early detection of problems before they become more severe and noticeable. It improves balance and proprioception, providing heightened awareness of the whole body
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and its parts. Even puppies can benefit! Massage aligns muscle fibers to improve function and helps the body maximize endurance and balance. It warms muscles before physical activity and cools them down afterward. It stimulates joint fluid, lubricating joints, and improves muscle function. Massage also has mental benefits by aiding in relaxation and confidence. Relaxation supports rehabilitation and strengthens the immune system.

The focus of rehabilitation is more specific to injury or surgery. Scar tissue is like a knot pulling on surrounding tissue. Massage aids in softening and resolving the knot and improves circulation, which aids in cell repair. Treatment will aid in regaining strength, flexibility, and range of motion. When dogs are injured or are recovering from surgery they guard the affected area, which can cause muscles to atrophy (they get tighter, shorter, weaker). It's also important to maintain whole-body health during recovery. The rest of the body takes on additional load, causing strain and stress, and different areas compensate, creating imbalance. Massage can also aid with pain management. It warms up and hydrates joints and muscles, releases adhesions in the fascia, eases soreness and calms the body. Endorphins are released – the body's natural pain reliever!

Geriatric massage is all about maintaining circulation and muscles strength and easing minor aches and pains. The goal is to improve blood flow, flush toxins, stimulate muscles to maintain mass and flexibility and improve mobility and quality of rest.

Next up? Learn the signs your dog may be having aches and pains, and why a trained massage therapist can help.