

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.

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.

HRKC Officers

President: Susan Parr

VP: Chris Cornell

Secretary: Deborah Dowd

Treasurer: Jo Chinn



Presidents Message

I would like to personally thank each and every member that came out and helped set up, tear down and overall contribute in one way or another to the success of our annual all breed show. Jo is still analyzing the numbers, but it does look like we will make money again this year. Our show is wonderful, people love it and they love the feeling of being welcomed to the Peninsula. That is all due to the amazing job of everyone involved with putting on this event. It is no small feat and Joe Larsen does an outstanding job of being show chair and Chris Cornell as the Obedience Chair. We couldn't ask for two harder workers, or more dedicated members to do this job.

Please let Joe Larsen or myself know if you have any suggestions or comments on how we can improve our show. All comments good or bad are taken into consideration and we have many wonderful and great improvements year after year due to membership suggestions, so keep them coming in.

So this brings me to my next bit of news – many of you may or may not be aware that Eugene Kennel Club is disbanding

and basically is closing their doors. There will no longer be holding any events and their show in Brownsville next month September will be the last. They stated the reason being, that they no longer have the manpower or workers to put on a show and therefore feel that it is in the best interest of everyone involved to stop being a club. This is a sad statement. Everyone likes to show their own dogs and of course going to their local show is always a big advantage since hotels are not needed. I believe that our club does a great job of allowing members to show, when many clubs don't. Of course our method only works IF everyone does offer to help out and assist with the overall workings of the show. There are many duties from taking money for parking, selling catalogs, announcing and each and every one of us needs to take our part. Even if it is only for a couple of hours, that couple of hours means that maybe another person is only working 8 hours instead of 10. Yes we have club members that work 10 - 12 hours at our show. So please take pride in our club and remember we all like to participate but it does take a village. Hopefully we don't see any other clubs following suit of the Eugene Kennel Club.

Our club picnic was a lot of fun, the weather cooperated somewhat. I am sorry if anyone did not get the message that the date had been changed so that members could attend the Enumclaw shows. We are working on having a club calendar put on the website for future event information. Our next meeting will be on the 3rd Wed of the month at our normal time and place.

Also it is starting to be the time of year that we are looking for members that would like to hold a role on the board. We need to put together a nominating committee next month to provide names in October to be voted on in December. If you are interested in holding a position please let me or one of the other board members know.

Thank you

Susan

In The News:

AKC Donates \$10,000 To Houston to support pets after Harvey

In response to Hurricane Harvey, which ravaged areas of Texas and Louisiana, the **AKC Humane Fund** has donated \$10,000 to the city of Houston through its "Sandy Fund." The "Sandy Fund" was set up in 2012 in support of people and pets affected by Superstorm Sandy. Since then, the fund has supported organizations performing disaster-relief services in their communities, as well as organizations (including clubs, shelters, and animal hospitals) whose services to pets, have been disrupted by a natural disaster.

"We will continue to do everything we can to support relief efforts in the aftermath of this storm," said Doug Ljungren, president of the AKC Humane Fund.

The Houston donation was made to the Greater Houston Community Foundation and the Hurricane Harvey Relief fund created by Mayor Sylvester Turner. Additionally, the organization has donated a disaster relief trailer, which is stocked with essential dog supplies and can house up to 65 pets for 72 hours. It's expected to be deployed on Saturday to where it's needed most.

Two AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers [were already deployed to](#) Fort Worth and Dallas earlier this week.

"Pets are part of the family and we understand how important it is to ensure their safety as well," said Tom Sharp, AKC Reunite President and CEO.

Yesterday, [AKC Reunite announced a Challenge Grant](#) from Barbara and Bob Amen of the Greater St. Louis Training Club, who pledged to match donations to AKC Reunites Pet Disaster Relief Fund up to \$10,000 to support family and pets affected by Harvey.

"We understand the magnitude of the devastation from this storm is yet to be seen and The AKC and AKC Reunite are here to help in any way possible," AKC President Dennis Sprung said in a [statement earlier this week](#). "If you know or hear of a shelter in need of supplies, please contact us at 212-696-8220 or email us at communications@akc.org."

To make a contribution to the Sandy Fund, [click here](#). For more on AKC Reunite's pet disaster relief efforts, [click here](#).

UPDATE, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2017:

AKC Reunite would like to offer its sincere thanks to Barbara and Bob Amen and Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America Charitable Trust for each of their \$10,000 matching fund challenges to help support Hurricane Harvey Pet Disaster Relief efforts. Both challenges have been met!

Also paying it forward, the American Shih Tzu Club Charitable Trust is proud to announce another \$10,000 matching challenge. The Trust will match all donations received by AKC Reunite's Pet Disaster Relief Fund dollar for dollar for a total donation of \$10,000 to support efforts for the families and pets affected by Harvey.

Through Monday, September 5, 2017, \$150,000 in donations have been received.*

*http://www.akc.org/content/news/articles/akc-humane-fund-donates-10000-to-city-of-houston/?_ga=2.127915661.1014081448.1504639693-2055675401.1485235067

Sniffing Out Recognition: AKC's New Scent Work Sport **Stephanie Kennerley | August 17, 2017**

Dogs experience the world differently than humans do. With a that is between 10,000 and 100,000 times as acute as ours, they get the majority of their information about their environment from smell, rather than sight as we humans do. But in our busy human world, we don't often let dogs truly savor the experience. We take the dog outside to do his business, and we are anxious to get back in to finish our work, cook dinner, or just go to sleep. When our dogs put their noses to the ground, we hurry them along.

The sport of [Scent Work](#) celebrates the joy of sniffing, and asks dogs to sniff to their heart's content, turning the dog's favorite activity into a rewarding game. It is a terrific sport for all kinds of dogs and is a wonderful way to build confidence in a shy dog.

In so many dog sports, the handler is in control. The handler knows what has to be done, issues commands to the dog, and ensures that they are carried out. This isn't true in Scent Work. Neither the dog nor handler knows where the target odor is hidden, nor has the handler any way to know. The handler has to rely on the dog, and follow the dog's nose to success. In Scent Work, it is the canine that is the star of the show.

The sport of Scent Work is based on the work of [professional detection dogs](#) (such as drug dogs), employed by humans to detect a wide variety of scents and substances. Rather than searching for cocaine though, dogs in AKC Scent Work search for cotton swabs saturated with the essential oils of birch, anise, clove, and cypress. The cotton swabs are hidden out of sight in a predetermined search area, and the dog has to find them. Teamwork is necessary: when the dog finds the scent, [he has to communicate](#) the find to the handler, who calls it out to the judge.

Searches in Scent Work are conducted in a variety of environments, which are known in the sport as "elements." The elements in AKC Scent Work are container, interior, exterior, and buried. In the container element, the dog is presented with an open area with a number of containers — such as cardboard boxes, backpacks, or luggage — and he must determine which container holds the scent. In the interior element, the search takes place in an indoor area, in an everyday setting, with furniture for the dog to search around. The exterior element presents an everyday outdoor area, with vegetation, objects, and structures to search. In the buried element, the target scent is hidden beneath the ground, and the dog has to indicate the area under which the scent is buried. Each of these elements includes four difficulty levels, with a title that can be earned in each class — so AKC Scent Work offers years of fun for the dog. AKC Scent Work also has class variations, where the target scent is the handler's smell, rather than an essential oil. Handlers usually use a different command when the dog is searching for handler scent, such as "find me!"

AKC Scent Work has generated a lot of buzz, and the official competition hasn't even begun. The AKC is hosting the first-ever AKC Scent Work trials in conjunction with the [Eukanuba Performance Games](#) in Wilmington, Ohio on Sept. 14-17. Within 7 days of the opening of registration, 700 entries had poured in. "We have people from as far away as California who want to come compete," said Stephanie Kennerley, trial secretary for the event. And even though clubs can't begin holding trials until Oct. 1, nearly 100 clubs have already completed the licensing process to become eligible to hold trials.

All dogs (purebred and mixed breeds) can participate in AKC Scent Work, provided they are AKC-registered, enrolled with Canine Partners, listed in the Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program or recorded in the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) program. For more information on AKC Scent Work [click here](#).

**<http://www.akc.org/content/dog-training/articles/sniffing-out-recognition-akcs-new-scent-work-sport/>