

# 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).

## HRKC Officers

President: Susan Parr

VP: Chris Cornell

Secretary: Lorraine Shore

Treasurer: Jo Chinn



*GCH Rainshadow Rollin' on the River CDX TD BN RA SH JHU WCX "Flo" thoroughly enjoyed the Puyallup shows. From huge flatcoat entries, she went Best of Opposite Sex three times and won Best of Breed on Monday! Her handler extraordinaire is Jennifer Holmberg Baggenstos and she is owned by Steve and Jo Chinn.*

**It's that time again! This from Lorraine, our fearless membership chair and secretary.**

Hello Everyone,

Attached [to the newsletter] is a Membership Renewal Form for those of you who have yet to pay your dues, so if you still need to pay,

please print the form and mail your check in as soon as possible. Those who have not paid are not able to vote and we have some voting to do in our upcoming February meeting:-)

Thank you and if you paid and are not on this list, please let me and our Treasurer Jo Chinn [[researcherjo@gmail.com](mailto:researcherjo@gmail.com)] know so we can get that corrected.

Happy Thursday!

Lorraine Shore  
HRKC Secretary



## Summer Shows!

*(I know, one is considered spring and the other fall, but they both land in traditionally summer months...)*

### **Agility, Rally & Obedience (ARO):**

June 1, 2 and 3, 2018

### **All Breed**

July 27, 28 & 29, 2018

*There will be FASTCAT again this year. There will be three runs (two on Sat/one Sun). The FASTCAT was extremely popular last year!*

## More Brags



*Diznee, GCHB Cobeauche When You Wish Upon A Star. Shown by Luke and Rowan Baggenstos. He is the #1 Japanese Chin All Breed and invited to Westminster. We are going to New York!! Owned and bred by Dawn Shaffett & R Mariko Saum.*



*Star, CH Cobeauche Oh Mon Etoile HT. She earned her first herding title at the ABdFC Nationals in Ventura October 2017. In 2015 She was Best Puppy under Judge Steven Gladstone at the ABdFC Nationals. That's proud owner Mariko setting her up!*



# Do Dogs Have Self-Awareness?

Stephanie Gibeault, MSc, CPDT | January 17, 2018<sup>1</sup>

Self-awareness is the ability to think about yourself as an individual and to realize that you are separate from others around you – to have a sense of self. It's considered a prerequisite to understanding that others might have different feelings or thoughts than you do. This is a key part of being human, and to some scientists, it's a debatable dividing line between people and animals.

Because you can't ask them what they think about, the classic way to study self-awareness in animals is with the [mirror test](#) developed by Gordon Gallup, Jr. in 1970. To conduct the test, an animal's body is secretly marked, for example by placing odorless red dye on the face, and then the animal is given access to a mirror. If he understands he is looking at himself and not another animal, he might touch the mark while looking in the mirror or turn his body to better see the mark's reflection. That would indicate self-recognition, which in turn hints at self-awareness.

Mirror self-recognition may seem obvious to people, but it requires a certain cognitive sophistication. In fact, human babies don't understand mirrors until they are 18-to-24 months old. Over the years, only a few animal species have passed the test. And [dogs](#) are not one of them. Your dog's early encounters with a mirror may have made him fearful or curious about the other dog in the room. This lack of understanding seems surprising, considering the other complex mental and social skills dogs have been shown to possess.

But there might be a simple explanation. Humans are visual creatures; we experience the world primarily through sight. Dogs do not. A dog's sense of smell is his main gateway to the world. This led Roberto Cazzolla Gatti, a researcher at Tomsk State University in Russia, to [hypothesize](#) that scent may be the window to self-recognition and possibly self-awareness in dogs. He developed the [sniff test](#) of self-recognition and found that dogs seemed to recognize whether an odor was their own.

Alexandra Horowitz, a researcher from Barnard College, recently published her own experiment in the journal [Behavioural Processes](#). She studied dogs, using Gatti's sniff test, in two different experiments. In the first experiment, 36 dogs were presented with three metal canisters, and their sniffing behavior toward the canisters was recorded. One canister was always a decoy containing water. Across three trials, the contents of the other two containers varied. In trial one, each of the other two canisters contained either the dog's own urine or the dog's own urine with an added scent. In trial two, the other two canisters contained the dog's own urine or the urine of an unfamiliar dog. And in trial three, the canisters contained the dog's own urine with an added scent or the additional scent alone. For those dogs that lived

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.akc.org/content/entertainment/articles/do-dogs-have-self-awareness/> accessed Jan 23, 2018

with another dog, there was a fourth trial with each canister containing either their own urine alone or the urine of their housemate.

The dogs spent more time examining their modified urine than their unmodified urine. They also spent more time smelling the unfamiliar dog's urine than their own urine. There was no difference in investigation of the additional scent and their own modified urine or of the familiar dog's urine and their own urine. This showed that the dogs were more interested in unfamiliar smells than their own smell and recognized when their own odor had been modified. It seems they understood that the odor of their own urine was their own personal smell and were interested when it had been altered. This supports the concept of self-recognition.

However, it was possible the dogs spent more time investigating their modified urine than their unmodified urine simply because the additional odor, which was derived from diseased tissue, was so interesting. To test if it was the fact that their own odor had been changed that drew their interest, 12 new dogs participated in a second experiment. This time the modification odor was anise essential oil, a neutral but detectable smell. Once again, the dogs spent more time examining their modified urine than their unmodified urine. But this time, they also spent more time investigating their modified urine than the anise oil alone. This suggests that it was the alteration of the dog's own odor that caught their interest, not an interest in the modification odor.

The behavior of the dogs in both experiments supports the idea that dogs can recognize their own odor as being from "themselves." Dogs may not recognize themselves visually in a mirror, but by changing the self-recognition test to a sense that dogs rely on more strongly, their sense of smell, it looks like they pass the mirror test after all. Whether this means that they truly have self-awareness is still debatable, but by asking the question in a species-appropriate way, scientists can gain greater insight into the minds of our canine companions.



## 2017 Holiday Party!

### Thanks to Lorraine Shore for the photos!

*More on the website; no names attached, so if you can help me with the names, I'd greatly appreciate it.*











## THE HURRICANE RIDGE KENNEL CLUB

### General Meeting Minutes December 20, 2017

The Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club general meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on December 20, 2017 at the Sequim Prairie Garden Club in Sequim, WA. This was the Annual Christmas Party/ Meeting. Officers present: Susan Parr, President, Chris Cornell, Vice-President, and MaryJo (JO) Chinn, Treasurer. Directors present: Joe Larson, Mariko Saum.

**Roll Call:** Jo and Steve Chinn; Camille Stephens; Nancy Field; Miriam Rose; Torben, Eric and Anita Pederson; Carolyn Money; Susie and Bill Metzger; Chris Cornell; Joe Larson; Mariko Saum; Bob and Marcia Whitcomb; Howard, Lorraine and Grace Shore; Hope Williams; Nancy Radich and Susan Parr. A quorum was present.

Guests: Mary Kniskern; Ben, Leah, Ryan and Aaron Andrews; Greg Larson and Jane Radich.

**Program:** The Annual Christmas Party was held at the Sequim Prairie Garden Club with several members and guests present. After a wonderful dinner, the Annual Meeting was called to order.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the October 18, 2017 General Membership Meeting were approved and can now be posted on the Club's website.

**President's Report:** Susan Parr reported the 2018 slate of candidates nominated:

- Susan Parr, President
- Chris Cornell, Vice-President
- Lorraine Shore, Secretary
- Mary Jo Chinn, Treasurer

- Anne Andritsch, Director
- Joe Larson, Director
- Mariko Saum, Director

Susan then called for nominations from the floor three times which did not result in any nominations from the floor. Susan asked for a vote from the members on the slate of candidates as nominated. The membership unanimously voted to approve the nominated candidates.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary was absent.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Jo (Jo) Chinn gave an account-current report.

**Old Business:** Due to the change in policy by the Sequim Prairie Grange no longer allowing animals in the building, the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club meetings beginning in January 2018 will be held at the Canine Co-op, 3 Valley Center Place, Sequim, WA. The meetings will still be held the third Wednesday of the month and members are encouraged to bring a chair as the chairs are limited at this location.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Shore, Secretary