

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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I would like to thank all who participated in the recent Scent Work trial! It seemed to me that most everyone, people and dogs, had a good time. So much fun to be around happy people! While I could thank so many of you, I want to give a huge shout-out to Elaine Diedrich who poured her heart and soul (and endless energy) into making the event a success. We can't thank you enough!

If you missed it we have another opportunity coming soon at the ARO. Karen and Jo will let you know more about the wonderful opportunities to get involved. More soon. We can't do it without you!

With long-time club member Carolyn's recent challenges, I am again reminded of how thoughtful and caring members of this Club are. We definitely come together when one of us is in need, and I'm proud to be part of such a club.

We launched the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Trailer initiative (read more on page 7). This will be a huge help for our pets if a disaster hits.

If anyone has comments or suggestions (good or constructive) about our events, please let me or any board member know. We are continually seeking ways to improve your club.

Joe

Joe Larson, HRKC President



Meeting Highlights * * * * * *Upcoming Events*

It's been a busy and productive couple of months for HRKC as we move into our spring event season. One of the biggest developments is the official launch of the Pet Disaster Relief Trailer Initiative [see page 6 for details].

Preparations are also in full swing for our spring and summer events. The Scent Work trial was a huge success [see page 5 for details]. Agility, Rally, and Obedience trials are ready to roll in late May. The All-Breed and August Agility trials are on track.

On the administrative side, the Club continues to make improvements in operations and communication. The website refresh and new **Members Only section are now live**, with additional features in development. Wix-based forms and payment systems are being implemented.

Membership remains steady with new members joining, and the Club has approved a shift in **meeting time to 6:00 PM beginning in May** to better accommodate schedules.

Finally, there's a continued focus on community engagement—from participation in Pet Lover Day later this year to exploring new activities like tracking. Whether through events, outreach, or simply showing up for one another, these past two months have reflected the energy and commitment that keep HRKC moving forward.



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

2026 Show Schedule

- May 8-10: Scent Work Trial
- May 29-31: A/R/O
- July 24-26: AKC All-Breed Shows and Rally and Obedience Trials
- August 7-9: Agility Trials

Check hrkc.org for details

Volunteers Needed!

May 29-31
Carrie Blake Park
HRKC Agility/Rally/Obedience

Club Fun Walks

Saturdays at 11 AM | Location specifics emailed weekly

Newsletter Submission Deadline

Q3 | July 15, 2026

Q4 | September 30, 2026

[Submit articles to info@hrkc.org]

Donate to the Pet Disaster Relief Trailer Initiative

<https://hrkc.org>

Are you a trainer?

We'd like to feature you on our website. Send your info to info@hrkc.org with the subject line: Website Trainer



Braggs and Wags

We love celebrating the accomplishments of our members and their dogs—here are some recent highlights:

- 🐾 Cathy Regan and Gio earned their AKC Spring Scurry Medallion.
- 🐾 Bruce Good shared that Haddie earned Best of Breed with Aoife—even while in grooming clothes!
- 🐾 Elena and Lavender earned both a Group placement and an Owner-Handled Group.
- 🐾 Sheri Whetstine reported that Mojo went to Nationals with his breeders and earned his Rally Novice title.
- 🐾 Lorraine Shore shared that Saffron achieved her Detective Title—becoming the first German Pinscher to earn this title—and placed second out of 30 teams.

Congratulations to all—keep those Brags coming!

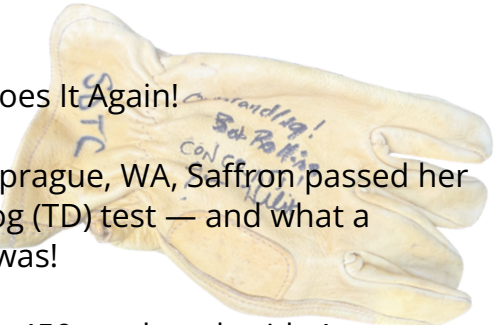


Lorraine Shore and Super Saffron



Super Saffron Does It Again!

On May 3rd in Sprague, WA, Saffron passed her AKC Tracking Dog (TD) test — and what a performance it was!



She completed a 450-yard track with 4 corners, navigating desert brush, grass, and hills, and powered her way to the glove in just 5 minutes.

We drew Track #1, and Saffron went right to work — sniffed the start article, dropped her head, and motored down the track like a machine. She ran about half of it... which meant I ran too and thought I might pass out by the end! Meanwhile, Saffron found the glove, looked up at me, and seemed ready to keep going!

This was our first time tracking in the desert, and I'll admit I was a little concerned since it's so different from our lush fields at home — but Saffron absolutely loved it.

Bonus: thankfully no snakes on the track, although we did see a few sunning themselves on the road 🐍🐍

I couldn't be more proud of this incredible dog. After earning her AKC Scentwork Detective title in January, she now adds her AKC Tracking Dog title just four months later!

The judges even commented that she made their job easy — it was simply a beautiful track to watch.

Way to go, Super Saffron! ❤️🐾
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Detective Saffron: Earlier, on February 20th, Saffron and Lorraine competed at the Seattle Kennel Club Scent Work Trial in Lacey, WA. Lorraine had this to report...

I am beyond proud to share that she ran a beautiful, clean search under AKC Scent Work Judge Donna Morgan-Murray — qualifying with a 2nd place finish to earn her **AKC SCENT WORK DETECTIVE TITLE!**

Saffron began her scent work journey at just 6 months old, earning her very first Detective qualification under Judge Donna. To finish her Detective title at 8½ years old, once again under Donna, feels incredibly special and wonderfully full circle.

Saffron has earned every title in AKC Scentwork — advancing from Novice through Master, earning her Elite titles, and successfully completing 10 Detective searches to achieve this prestigious AKC Detective title. Of all the titles I've put on one of our dogs, this one is the most treasured. It represents years of partnership, trust, training, and an unbreakable bond.

I am especially proud to say that I bred Saffron, making this accomplishment even more meaningful as a preservation breeder.

With this achievement, **Saffron becomes the first German Pinscher in the United States to earn an AKC Scent Work Detective title.**



I am deeply grateful for this extraordinary dog, my supportive husband, our amazing dog friends, and the dedicated trainers and judges who helped guide us along the way.

And in a fun twist of fate — Howard and I were both Detectives with the Anchorage Police Department... and now our dog is one too:-)

And, **Bogie Earns His Rally Intermediate Title!**

So proud of Bogie — he finished his Rally Intermediate title with a score of 87!

It made it even more special that Howard was there to see it, as he's the one who has been taking Bogie to Obedience class every week and putting in all that hard work.

Bogie and I do a little training at home, and with my work schedule I can't always make classes — but this partnership works perfectly for us. Howard handles the weekly training, I handle the competing... definitely a win/win!

So proud of this boy and our team effort.

Lorraine Shore and Bogie



Lorraine Shore and Super Saffron





Tip of the Tail

HRKC Membership Meetings

Our monthly meetings are held at Working Spot Training Center on the **3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm.** [Please note the time change.] Can't make it in person? Join us on Zoom at <https://hrkc.org/Zoom>.



Scent Work is a wrap!

Another awesome Mother's Day Scentwork Trial is in the books. HRKC and Nolyphen Noser club members are the best!! So many amazing club members stepped up to make this trial seamless, fun and relaxing for everyone which showed on the smiling faces of exhibitors, Judges and volunteers all weekend.

Cynthia Kelly of Campfire Photography took gorgeous photos (as well as Master Elite and 1st place in Detective).

Thank you to everyone who worked and entered this show!! We all had an amazing time with our dogs because of you!



Carolyn

Many of you saw the note we shared from Lorraine about our longtime member, Carolyn Money. Carolyn has been part of the heart and fabric of Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club for more than 30 years, and like many of life's seasons, this one has brought its share of challenges.

After the loss of her husband this past year and a difficult fall, Carolyn is continuing her recovery in a care facility. During this same time, she also had to say goodbye to her beloved Penni.

What stands out—though probably not a surprise to anyone—is how this club responded. Members stepped in to help cover Penni's final expenses, and many have taken the time to visit Carolyn and lift her spirits. It's a quiet but powerful reminder of the kind of community we've built together over the years.

We'll be featuring Carolyn in next quarter's newsletter, and we'd love to include stories and memories from those who know her best. If you have a favorite "Carolyn story," please keep an eye out for that request. In the meantime, thank you for continuing to reach out, stay connected, and care for one another—it truly is what makes HRKC so special.



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Rally/Obedience Leader of the Pack

by Jo Chinn, Trial Chair

And, we're off! The dates for this year's A/R/O trial are May 29, 30, and 31. Rally and Obedience continue to be such a strong part of what we do as a club, and it's always a pleasure to see the teamwork between handlers and dogs come to life in the ring. From the precision and focus of Obedience to the flowing, sign-based courses in Rally, these sports really showcase the connection we all work so hard to build. Rally, in particular, gives teams a chance to stay engaged and connected throughout the course, while Obedience highlights consistency, training, and attention to detail.

As we head into our May trial at Carrie Blake Park, we're looking forward to a great weekend with familiar faces, supportive camaraderie, and some wonderful performances. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to help—whether you're stewarding, setting up, or pitching in wherever needed. These events only happen because of our members, and it's always rewarding to see it all come together.

Agility Leader of the Pack

by Karen Parker, Trial Chair

Agility is always one of the most fun and energetic parts of our trial weekend. There's nothing quite like watching a team hit their stride—moving cleanly through a course, navigating challenges, and celebrating those moments when everything just clicks. Whether it's a first run in Novice or a fast, flawless run at the higher levels, every round brings something worth cheering for.

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We're excited to once again bring Agility to Carrie Blake Park at the end of May and to welcome both our regular exhibitors and new teams to the line. A big thank you in advance to everyone helping with setup, timers, gate, and all the behind-the-scenes work—it truly takes a village. Be sure to stop by, lend a hand, and enjoy the action. It's going to be a great weekend.



All-Breed Leader of the Pack

by Joe Larson, Trial Chair

We're in great shape for the All-Breed show coming up late July. We had an opportunity to have 4 shows over the three days, but after discussion at the May board meeting, we decided to consider it for next year rather than shift gears and try to make it happen in 2026.

We think that financially it might be a good deal, but we want to be very thoughtful how it might affect our organization and our volunteers. The Seattle Kennel Club is holding 4 shows in 3 days later this year, so we'll be in touch with them to see how it goes before we make any final decision.

As we've mentioned, we do not have the Guy Cole Center for hospitality this year, so we'll be setting up canopies and managing hospitality like we did a few years ago. More after ARO!



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HRKC Launches Pet Disaster Relief Initiative

This spring marked an exciting step forward for Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club as we officially launched our Pet Disaster Relief Trailer Initiative in partnership with Clallam County Emergency Management. This effort is part of the AKC Reunite program, which provides specially equipped trailers designed to support communities during emergencies. These trailers are stocked with essential, non-perishable supplies needed to quickly establish temporary sheltering for displaced pets and service animals—something that becomes critically important when traditional emergency shelters are unable to accommodate animals.

As we all know, our region presents unique challenges in the event of a disaster. Limited access routes and the potential for earthquakes, wildfires, or severe storms make advance planning essential.

This initiative allows HRKC to play a meaningful role in ensuring pets are not left behind and that families can stay connected during difficult times. We are proud to be working alongside Clallam County Emergency Management to bring this resource to our area.

As part of the launch, we issued what may very well be our first-ever press release—a big milestone for the club and an important step in sharing our mission beyond our membership. We also created a dedicated section on our website where people can learn more and donate directly. You'll also see a QR code being used in our materials, making it easy to share the project and connect people quickly to the donation page.

We've also introduced a \$1,000 sponsorship opportunity for donors who would like to make a significant contribution. Pending approval, sponsor logos may be displayed on the trailer alongside HRKC and partner organizations. In addition, the Pet Emergency Group has generously committed to matching donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$6,000—giving us a tremendous boost toward our fundraising goal.

This is truly a community-wide effort, and it's exciting to see HRKC stepping into a larger leadership role. If you haven't already, we encourage you to visit the website, share the initiative with others, and help us build momentum. This is one of those projects where we can make a real, lasting impact—and it's something we can all be proud of.

Check out our website for more information [<https://hrkc.org>]. You can also donate there or through the QR code.





HRKC in the Community

It's Spring Scurry Time

AKC Fit Dog Spring Scurry is a Virtual 5K, (3.1 miles) walk, run, or hike that people do with their dogs. The non-competitive 5K Spring Scurry can be done all at one time, or in smaller segments on multiple days. Everyone participates at their own pace.

The timeline for you and your dog to start the 2026 Spring Scurry is between February 15, 2026, and June 30, 2026. It's done on an honor system, and even though we're in May, there's still plenty of time to earn your designation!

You and your dog can do the Spring Scurry on your own, with a group of friends, or with your AKC Fit Dog Club (HRKC is an AKC Fit Dog Club) anywhere you and your dog are welcome. That could be at a local park, on a trail, or in your neighborhood.

Typically, our weekly HRKC Fun Walks are 2 to 5 miles. Join us on one of our Fun Walks in May or June and quickly earn your Spring Scurry medallion. As a side note, the AKC website mentions they only have a limited supply of Spring Scurry medallions so get started on it now!

The signup link to the AKC Spring Scurry is: [Annual 2026 AKC FIT DOG Spring Scurry](#).



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Here's how to participate (from the AKC website):

1. Register by purchasing your medallion.
2. Sign up with a \$20 registration fee (which is completed through your purchase of the Spring Scurry medallion).
3. Choose your own route.
4. Start moving (February 15 – June 30, 2026). Walk or run 5K (3.1 miles) with your dog, all at once or split into multiple sessions.

You can order your Spring Scurry medallion now, then do your walk. Document your 3.1 miles (5K) Walk before June 30th on a smartphone, smartwatch, pedometer, or similar device. (AKC does ask for documentation.) You can also use an AKC Fit Dog Documentation Form found on AKC Fit Dog webpages. [FIT-Documentation-form-nov-2024.pdf](#)

If you are only doing the Spring Scurry, you do not need to provide the AKC with your documentation, but why stop there? You can document and then use it for an AKC Fit Dog Bronze, Silver, or Gold title.

If you went on one of our HRKC Fun Walks between February 15 and now, we have records of most all of them. Contact us if you would like to use one of our previous Fun Walks as your Spring Scurry or for a Fit Dog title. We can provide you with documentation.

AKC Spring Scurry qualifies as a RUN, (Virtual Run) in category B of AKC Fit Dog titles. Our HRKC Group (Fun Walks) qualify in category C, Walks & Hikes of AKC Fit Dog titles.

Questions? Email info@hrkc.org with AKC Fit Dog in the subject line.