

# 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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We are excited to revive the Dog Eared Journal as a quarterly newsletter—a go-to resource for our members and a way to showcase our incredible club and its members. This newsletter is not just about information; it's about celebrating our passion for dogs, our accomplishments, and the camaraderie that makes HRKC special.

But to make this truly meaningful, we need everyone's contributions! One person can't do it all—this is a club built by volunteers, and it takes all of us to keep it thriving. So, brag about your dog! Share your achievements, fun stories, and even those learning moments from trials and shows. The more we share, the more connected we become.

Be sure to check out the calendar section for submission deadlines—whether it's for brags, upcoming events, or other club-related news. Let's make this newsletter something we all look forward to!

Looking forward to seeing your contributions and celebrating our amazing dogs together.

Joe Larson  
President, HRKC



## Meeting Highlights

*January 19, 2025:* Show Chairs provided updates on this year's events. Lorraine Shore discussed steps you should take to prepare your dog in the event you're no longer able to and the importance of making legacy arrangements now. The AKC has free resources that include Power of Attorney for your animals and a Statement of Legal Rights, along with detailed instructions for designating a caregiver, conversations to have with your attorney regarding written statements giving immediate custody to a designated individual as well as establishing wills and trusts, and emergency preparedness.

*February 16, 2025:* Show Chairs provided updates. The program was "Disaster Planning With Animals" by Justine Chorley, Clallam County's Emergency Management Program Coordinator. Justine discussed the various events that could occur, and mentioned if you're prepared for an earthquake, you're prepared for most other events. The animal's owner has the responsibility to prepare to keep their animals safe, including "Grab and Go" kits and evacuation plans (especially important in wildfires). The "Prepare in a Year" and "Disaster Preparedness Guide" Justine handed out at the meeting may also be found online  
<https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/239/Preparedness>.

*March 16, 2025:* Show Chairs provided updates. Since the club's first show in 1996, Carolyn Money has been making raffle baskets. The raffle is held at the All-Breed show; and all money raised through the raffle is donated to nonprofits. Carolyn shared her expertise in making baskets and gathering donations from local merchants and pet stores to national dog food companies and other pet brands (such as Kong).

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

## \* \* \* \* \* Upcoming Events

### 2025 Show Schedule

- May 9-11 : AKC Scent Work Trials
- May 30-June 1: AKC Agility-Rally-Obedience Trials
- July 25-27: AKC All-Breed Shows and Rally and Obedience Trials
- August 8-10: Agility Trials

**Check [hrkc.org](http://hrkc.org) for details**

### Club Fun Walks

Saturdays at 11 AM | Location specifics emailed weekly

### Newsletter Submission Deadline

**Q3** | June 30, 2025

**Q4** | September 15, 2025

**Submit articles to [info@hrkc.org](mailto:info@hrkc.org)**



***Our very first Fun Walk at Carrie Blake Park***



## *Brag and Wags* ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀

In January, Karen Parker said the Miniature American Shepherd she fostered got a new home. Jo Chinn shared that two grand champions appeared in a production of Legally Blonde. Lorraine Shore shared that Bacall beat the number 1 bitch in the country for best opposite, and Bogie beat the number 2 dog in the country for best opposite (for 2 grand champion majors). Lisa Shery shared that Dragon House King has her majors.

In February, Elena Metz and Iris earned a Silver Grand Championship in AKC conformation. They also reached the Gold level in the National Owner Handled Series. Bruce Good said he had a litter of 5 little boys February 2nd. They are healthy with eyes opening at 2 weeks.

In March, Jan Garrison said she is getting a new puppy in July! And, Jo Chinn has 6 lovely puppies that are only with her for 2 more weeks. They have great personalities, and she'll be keeping one of the girls.



**Howard and Lorraine Shore  
with Bogie and Bacall**

## *AKC News*

No updates this quarter! But, the Club did receive news that the Bylaw Amendments the membership adopted in December did not have to be approved by the AKC as we are a Licensed Club, not a Member Club.

They did suggest a few minor changes, and the membership will act on those at the April general membership meeting. We are close!



**Second Fun Walk at the Railroad Bridge**



**Fun Walk May 3, 2025**





## *Meet Your Board* ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀

### *Jo Chinn*

Steve began teaching at Chimacum in 1972, and Jo began in Sequim in 1979. We are now retired, and our life has gone to the dogs. We started with flat-coated retrievers in 2000, when Jo found a book at the public library titled "The Right Dog for You." Steve didn't want a frou-frou dog, oldest son Kevin wanted a pretty dog, middle kid Andrew wanted a dog that would play catch, and daughter Yolanda wanted a dog that would swim with her. Jo wanted a dog that wouldn't pull on the leash and wouldn't shed much. The book helped us pick flatcoats as the breed for us, and the choice was spot on!

We have participated in Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Agility, and Field Work, earning many titles, introducing us to many new friends, and taking us on long trips across the United States. Flo was inducted into the Flatcoated Retriever Society Hall of Fame in 2019 for her titles in 6 different venues. Our dogs have also worked as therapy dogs, reading with students at the elementary school. We also enjoy working at the HRKC events and have made many good friends!

The flatcoats are funny, adaptable, biddable, and usually a joy to live with. We just sent five puppies to wonderful forever homes, and kept this little girl for ourselves.



***Rainshadow's Uptown Girl,  
call name Billie.***

### *Joe Larson, President*

I'm the newly elected board President, but I've been involved in the HRKC for many years. I've previously served as President, Vice-President, and board member. I'm also the All Breed Show Chair, a position I've held for a number of years.

I have raised and shown Shelties long enough to have lots of memories and also long enough for the galvanized posts to have rusted off the bottom of my kennel gates. Now that my numbers are down, that doesn't seem to be a problem. Jessie (in the picture) was raised from a bottle at birth. And later, she was one of a dozen in a minivan trip to shows in Rapid City, SD.

But that was while I was working, and now that I'm retired, I don't have time for things like that.



***Jessie the Sheltie***

I tried my hand at studying electrical engineering at Oregon State University, but moved on to farming (filling gunny sacks with 100 pounds of grass seed wasn't my idea of a career) and selling auto parts (also not my idea of a career). I moved on to concrete work, starting in the Albany, OR area and then moving to Sequim in 1977. I eventually started my own concrete business, but when my back decided it wasn't going to cooperate with my line of work, I retired (although I still help others occasionally).



## Meet Your Board

### *Kathy Beil*

I'm a retired pharmacist living in Port Angeles with my darling Yorkshire Terrier Tiny Rose.

I grew up PA, the eldest child in a family of 15. We lived on acreage that included a vegetable garden, orchard, cattle (dairy and beef), chickens, pigs and 2 horses. And a Boxer dog that we adored. We hiked, climbed mountains and skied for fun but only after the work was done. I played cello during high school and piano after that.

I married in 1968, graduated from UW Pharmacy School in 1971, and worked in Seattle until retiring in 2018. (I thought about medicine but didn't like the hours. My father was OB/GYN and constantly on call, so I chose pharmacy instead.) I have 2 children (one on sabbatical in New Zealand) and 4 grandchildren.

My love affair with animals is life-long, particularly dogs. I had many poodles before switching to Yorkies, at the urging of my kids. After Brynne, I've had feisty terrier Yorkies ever since.

My hobbies include trick training with Tiny, playing piano and bike riding for exercise (use it or lose it!). I enjoy membership in HRKC (my first kennel club) and currently am a board member. It's an active, working organization and I'm glad to be able to contribute and meet other dog lovers.



***Kathy and Tiny Rose  
the Yorkie***

### *Christine Stallard, Secretary*

I'm an entrepreneur, Amazon best-selling author, blogger, personal empowerment coach, certified animal aromatherapist, life-long learner, Penn State grad (at age 62), avid college football fan (Penn State, of course), lover of hot, spicy food, quilter, and rather poor pianist (although I'm still working to improve).

I wasn't always this way. I grew up in Pennsylvania, (the other PA) but I've lived in the Pacific Northwest for nearly 45 years (Coulee Dam, Ephrata, Pistol River, OR and now here). I spent 30 years in public/government affairs for the electric utility and hydropower industries, known in some circles as "Hydro Girl."

### ***Christine, GQ, and Alli Bouvier***



My husband, GQ Pelter and I started with Airedales, but now have our 4th and 5th Bouviers (although I say my first 3 were imposters). GQ took Kaya and Jacmel to agility when we lived in Oregon (just for fun), but now it's my turn with Alli and Savannah. I also have Savannah in Rally training. We have never competed, but Alli and I participated in our first ever agility trial last year, and I was thankful she finished without running amok. In fact, I was able to call her back from chasing a bird! Whew!

I have never been part of a kennel club, but I have enjoyed working the events, meeting other dog lovers, and making friends!



## *Meet Your Board*

### *Joe Metz*

My father was a sergeant in the Air Force so we lived all over the U.S. until he took a civilian job in Oakland, California, in 1967. After graduating from high school I went to U.C. Berkeley to study Geology. But a few courses in Computer Science made me forget about rocks. A summer job at a small computer company in Hayward, California turned into a full-time career in hardware and software engineering during the nascent days of Silicon Valley. I never went back to Berkeley, but continued to take night courses in whatever interested me. By the time my two daughters graduated from high school they were teasing me about graduating from college before I did. So I got serious about completing a degree and graduated from San Jose State University with a BS in Applied and Computational Mathematics and a minor in Physics in 2002, while working full-time and raising a family.



***Joe with Dilly and Daragan on the Big River, Mendocino, CA, 11/7/2016. Photo by Elena Metz***

I never had much to do with dogs until I met Elena. We got our first Irish terrier on Valentine's day in 2005. This led us down the garden path of training, grooming, showing, and breeding that pretty much took over our lives. We have spent countless hours and travelled countless miles to earn titles in conformation, obedience, rally, barn hunt, lure coursing, agility, and scentwork. I served on the board of the Northern California Terrier Association and the Irish Terrier Club of America. We moved to Sequim in 2021 after I retired, where I now serve as the HRKC Treasurer when I am not gardening and beekeeping on our little "farm".

### *Mariko Saum*

My journey with dogs began with my first Bouvier des Flandres, Woody (Cobeauche Aster Le Mer), in 1989. My world changed forever after a near fatal car accident in July 1990 (my first of three), having just become the first Japanese American non-related bone marrow donor a month earlier. My long recovery was aided by both my Husband, John Saum, and Woody who became my first Service Dog.

We tried showing her, but she wasn't interested, choosing to lay down in the show ring, refusing to get up. She became my foundation for future generations (her puppies keeping me in the ring). I showed her daughter Ripley (Int'l CH Cobeauche Jeune Fille D'Or). Her son, Beau, (GCH CH Cobeauche Beau Coeur D'Or), was my First Top 20 Best In Show dog in a long list of Bred-By Champions, Top 20 dogs. I also bred Champion Japanese Chins. Our boy, Diznee (BIS BISS GCHG CH Cobeauche When You Wish Upon A Star) went to Westminster, won Best of Breed, had an invitation to Crufts, and amazed us with his personality.

I am an AKC Breeder of Merit, ABdFC Breed Mentor for Judges, had the honor of Judging ABdFC Top 20 representing Breeder, and now obtaining working Titles on my current dogs, which keeps me going. The activities that my dogs have gotten me into have given me a community of life long friends, and endless enjoyment.



John and I currently have two horses, one Blue and Gold Macaw, eight Nigerian Dwarf goats, Bouviers, two Border Terriers, and one Japanese Chin.