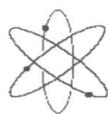
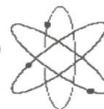


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Richland Kennel Club



*May 2016*

## Officers & Committees

President Chuck Ames 588-6430	Vice-President Alyssa Paxton 378-7139	Treasurer Michele Murray 531-0432	Recording Secretary Liz Summa	Show Chairman Ryin Horne 737-7206	Board of Directors Cindi McInturf Laurie Weed
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<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>PICNIC</p> <p>May 21<sup>th</sup> 11:30</p> <p>Club will supply chicken and drinks</p> <p>Please bring passing dish.</p> <p>Round Robin Fun Match</p>	<p>RKC BOARD MEETING</p> <p>May 12, 2016</p> <p>Richland Denny's</p> <p>7:30</p>	<p>Anyone wishing to help out with the Wednesday evening Conformation Classes is VERY Welcome.</p> <p>Great way to learn and observe dog movement and to give our current volunteers a little break.</p> <p>Contact me at <a href="mailto:Draymia@gmail.com">Draymia@gmail.com</a> I'll put you in the schedule whenever you would like.</p>
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## **HANDLING CLASS**

Wednesdays 7:00

Howard Amon Park, behind Community  
Center.

May 4 - Bonnie and Chuck

May 11 - Kim & Bruce

May 18 – Cindi McInturf

May 25 – Chris Larson

## **BRAGS**

Cindi McInturf

Vadara's Sale of the Century aka Rush  
Seattle Kennel Club-Sat-3 pt major reserve  
Gig Harbor-Sat-WD 1pt Sun-Reserve

Ryin Horne

Vadora's I've got a Secret aka Riddle  
2 Qualifying Agility runs in Fast & Jumpers  
Osor-12<sup>th</sup> man Bailey of Cemarion aka Rugar  
RWD at first show at six months.

Elizabeth & Ken Summa

Kassandra Summa aka Kassie  
2 qualifying runs in Rally Novice at CBDTC  
Obedience Trial. New Title in Rally Novice

Cheryl Stevens

Boxer

Draymia N Jestic's Hot Time In The City aka Timer  
CBDTC Obedience Trial-at 9 months got first two legs  
in Rally Novice B. Also got his CGC title at 4Paws  
DogWorks.

Jaque Bennett

Boxer

Dornlea's Walk Like A Lady aka Dacia  
CBDTC Obedience Trial-at- 9 months got first leg for  
her Rally Title.

## **More Brags!**

Larry & Kay Holstrom

Finish Spitz

Mica-Grp 3, on Mar 13<sup>th</sup>, Grp 2 on Mar 20<sup>th</sup>, Grp 4 on Mar 25<sup>th</sup>

Kiki-7 months old got AKC STAR Puppy

Jessica Callahan

Nanashi-Pembroke Welsh Corgi finished her CD at CBDTC Obedience Trial

Linda Riedel

Libby-English Springer Spaniel took BISS in Lodi, California

Alyssa Paxton

RiverCity Inciting a Riot at Netherfield Cenarion aka Riot  
Puppy 4-6 month Herding Group First and was pulled during Best Puppy In Show

Skeeter Benton  
German Shepherd  
OFA good hips and elbows on Magic

**President's Bark**  
**May 2016**

Many of our members are taking advantage of the Spring show season with shows in Moses Lake, Lewiston, and Walla Walla. Club members are already earning points towards their championships. Congratulations to everyone participating in this sport. It is not easy and reflects the commitment of our members to be successful. April is usually the real start of the show season with dog shows within a 300 mile radius almost every weekend until October. I also want to emphasize that dog shows can create a lot of stress and self-doubt. Not everything will go your way and you will be beat by, in your opinion, lesser dogs. If you focus your energy on what you CANNOT control (judges decisions, spectator involvement, etc.), you will not have fun. Remember to focus on what you CAN control (your dog's performance, your handling, your presentation, how you dress, what judge you show under, etc.), then you can have a good time. If your dog shows it's very best and you present to the best of your abilities and DO NOT WIN, what else can you do? Your dog does not meet that judge's opinion regarding the breed. Remember, this is a sport and sports should be fun!

As members work to earn titles, it is time to look at titles earned over the past year. Anyone earning a recognized title up to May 31<sup>st</sup> of this year is eligible to submit the title for a RKC plaque or certificate. This issue of the newsletter will have an awards application to submit to Bonnie Ames by the end of June for presentation to the board. This year the Board is considering offering the current plaque and to allow members to obtain an updated and larger plaque that you will be able to post multiple titles for that dog. The difference in cost will be borne by the member.

I want to remind everyone that since we are holding our fun day match on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Howard Amon Park in the gazebo behind the community center, we WILL NOT HAVE a general meeting the first Thursday of May. The club will provide chicken and drinks for the fun day and everyone is asked to bring a passing dish. The event will not start until 11:30 and will include lunch, a confirmation round robin match (winner of class judges the next class), and a fun performance event to be determined later. We always have fun and enjoy the sunshine. I look forward to seeing you all there with your puppies and older dogs to participate in the fun events.

Also, due to the fun match and the need to conduct business regarding awards and the upcoming show, we will have our board meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May (versus the 19<sup>th</sup>). It will start at 7:30 at Denny's restaurant in Richland.

Handling class continues behind the Richland Community Center on Wednesday's from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. I want to personally thank everyone who has volunteered to conduct the class. They have been very full and the people running the class are doing a good job of keeping the line moving.

As stated earlier, our next general meeting will be at the RKC fun day match on May 21<sup>st</sup>. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Your Servant  
Charles Ames, President

# **Nominations being accepted for AKC good sportsmanship award.**

**The Richland Kennel Club will sponsor the AKC Good Sportsmanship Award for the member of the club that is believed to be the best representative of good sportsmanship in the sport of pure breed dogs.**

**The expectations for good sportsmanship are provided in the attached flyer as published in all show documents (premium lists, judging schedules, catalogs, etc.).**

**In order to allow for the selection of the most deserving club member (or members), I am asking for each member of the club to provide me the name of the member (or members) whom you feel meets the criteria the best. Once all the names are compiled, the members with the most selections will be awarded the sportsmanship award. In case of a tie, or close count, those members names will be provided back to the membership requesting a vote, with the biggest vote winner obtaining the award.**

**I would like to give this award in August with the rest of the Club awards, so the name must be provided back to me no later than May 31, 2007.**

**Thanks for your participation.**

**I would like to nominate the following RKC member to receive the AKC good sportsmanship award as I believe he/she best exemplifies the principles for good sportsmanship.**

Name (Printed)

Name (Printed)

Name (Printed)

Please return this form to Chuck Ames, President RKC, P.O. Box 479, Benton City, WA 99320.  
Thank you for your participation.

**Richland Kennel Club-**  
Minutes for Membership Meeting  
April 7, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Club President Chuck Ames called the Richland Kennel Club Membership Meeting to order at 7:35 pm, at Richland Community Center in Richland, WA. Vice President Alyssa Paxton was also assisting with the meeting. Minutes of the March 2016 RKC Membership meeting were approved by Kevin Davis & seconded by Alyssa Paxton.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer report was given by Michelle Murray.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- No Old Business on Agenda

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Welcome New member Stacey Davis- Whippets & Pointers
- Interest in a information Booth at the 2016 Benton-Franklin County Fair
  - Cindi McInturf will get info about what is required
- Membership application was read- Margo Bedell, Pug, Doberman, Mixed Breed
  - Application will be presented at April Board Meeting

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Show Committee- Judges have been approved for the 2016 Show
- Club Fun Match- May 21 at Howard Amon @ 11am
- Handling Class- We are at Richland Community Center on Wednesday's @ 7pm

**Club Announcements:**

- RKC received an invitation to the WSU Scholarship Fund Dinner

Motion to adjourn was by Cheryl Stevens and Mark Lehman

Elizabeth Summa  
RKC Recording Secretary for 2016  
Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm

**Richland Kennel Club-**  
Minutes for Board Meeting  
April 19, 2016

**ATTENDEES:**

Alyssa Paxton, Elizabeth Summa, Michelle Murray, Laurie Weed, Cindi McInturf, Chuck Ames, Bonnie Ames, Bruce Glenn, Kim Glenn, Ken Summa,

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Board President called the Richland Kennel Club Board Meeting to order at 7:31 pm, at Denny's in Richland, WA. Motion by Michelle Murray, seconded by Alyssa Paxton, the March board meeting minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasures report was given by Michelle Murray.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Website has been completely updated including show info
  - The Board is still looking into different options for Trophies that the Club hand's out's to New Title achievers.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- RV Space's will be looked at, certain size RV's may need to reserve two spaces
- Possible Booth at the Benton-Franklin Fair is being looked into by Cindi McInturf
- Food concessions for 2016 show
  - Chuck & Bonnie will make some contacts to get more than one food option at the show
- Membership Application- Margo Bedell
  - Motioned by Bonnie Ames, Seconded by Cindi McInturf

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- All Judges have been approved for 2016 show
- Judges for Obedience have been selected
- Handling Class- Classes are back at Howard Amon Park in Richland
  - Wednesday's @ 7pm
  - Behind the Richland Community Center

**Club Announcements:**

- Please be respectful of other Dogs & Owners/Handlers at Handling Class
- Fun Match will be May 21 @ 11:30, Howard Amon Park
- Next Board Meeting will be May 12
- Sportsmanship and RKC Awards application will go in the upcoming newsletter

Motion to adjourn was by Cindi McInturf and Bonnie Ames

Elizabeth Summa  
RKC Recording Secretary for 2015-2016

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm**



## ANNUAL AWARD APPLICATION YEAR: 2015/2016

### Award application eligibility:

- Member in good standing during the period the title was earned
- Must support the kennel club through participation in at least one club function
- Annual award period runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> of following year
- Previous year's titles can be considered based on meeting eligibility requirements
- Titles earned can be any recognized title (AKC, Canadian KC, National club, etc.)

### ALL AWARD APPLICATIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD

DOG'S Registered

Name1:

TITLE(S) EARNED:

MEMBER'S NAME:

MEMBER'S ADDRESS:

**AWARD:**                      Plaque      Bar      Certificate      Other2:

<sup>1</sup> A Copy of the Title Certificate must accompany this application. If title is pending, then provide proof of completion of title requirements.

<sup>2</sup> Members requesting plaques other than the one provided by the club will be charged the difference in price (e.g. duplicate plaques, larger plaques, etc.)

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT/SIGN)

DO NOT MARK BELOW THIS LINE

**RKC Board:**                      **APPROVED** (Initial/Date):      **UNAPPROVED** (Initial/Date):

**COMMENTS:**

Submit application to: Bonnie Jo Ames, PO Box 479, Benton City, WA 99320  
Phone: (509) 588-6430

## Why We Need Purebred Dog Breeders

*By: [Carlotta Cooper](#)*

With the [Westminster Kennel Club dog show](#) recently on TV, it inevitably stirs debate about purebred dogs. These days, a vocal segment of the population detests purebred dogs and their breeders. Whether this is a class issue, a generational issue, politics, or something else, it's hard to say, but it goes far beyond the facts about breeders and their dogs.

Today there are over 400 recognized breeds of dogs in the world. Many of them have historical origins dating back hundreds, even thousands of years. Wherever humans have lived, dogs have been alongside them performing various tasks. One of the reasons dogs have been such a successful species is because they are so adaptable. They have made themselves useful in countless ways to humans so we kept feeding them, providing shelter for them, and, yes, breeding them. It's no accident that we have dogs able to hunt, herd, guard, track, and do so many other things at an expert level. Humans figured out early on that if you bred dogs that were good at these things, you would get offspring that were also good at doing them. All of these jobs performed by dogs were necessary for our own species to survive. It's no secret that we owe a lot to dogs, just as we do to other animals.

Today some of these jobs are performed in other ways and dogs don't do the work they used to do. Hunting is a sport today and most of us don't have to hunt with dogs to put food on the table. [English Cocker Spaniels](#) and [Irish Setters](#) are more popular as family pets than as hunting dogs. Dogs aren't commonly used to kill rats today and it's been a long time since the adorable [Yorkshire Terrier](#), originally bred to kill vermin in textile mills, was used for this kind of work. Dogs still have some specialized uses for search and rescue, narcotics detection and other kinds of detection, along with other specialized skills such as therapy dog work, but most people don't need to use dogs for work. Nevertheless, breeds still have their admirers. Some people love a dog's appearance. Some people love a breed because they are from the same tiny corner of the world and they feel a kinship with the dogs of their ancestors. Some people love the temperament of a certain breed or its athletic ability. There are all kinds of reasons why people love a particular breed.

What you may not know is that many breeds today have very small populations. If some breeds were any other kind of animal they would be considered endangered. You may find it hard to believe, but breeds can become extinct. If you read any histories about dog breeds, you will find lots of references to breeds that are gone now. Countless breeds have become extinct over the centuries. In some cases, we have some of their descendants because they contributed to newer breeds, but not always. Some people might not care if particular breeds become extinct, but if you are a fan of a breed, then this might matter to you. From a genetic viewpoint, it's always good to have a wide selection of dogs that contributed to a breed's foundation. You never know when it might be necessary to reintroduce some of the genes from an older breed for health reasons. If those breeds are extinct, that's no longer a possibility.

In Great Britain the [Kennel Club](#) maintains a list of "vulnerable native breeds." This refers to breeds

developed in the U.K. that register fewer than 300 individual dogs per year. There are currently about 29 breeds on this list, with more breeds on the "atch" list, meaning they are close to "vulnerable" status. Although the Kennel Club in Britain registers fewer dogs than we do in the U.S., the situation with purebred dogs in the U.S. is similar. While the [Labrador Retriever](#) - the [top dog registered by the AKC for over 20 years](#)

- has tens of thousands of individual registrations every year, other breeds have far fewer numbers. Beyond a few popular breeds, most breeds have relatively small numbers of dogs registered each year. We have many breeds in the U.S. that register only a few hundred individual dogs per year.

That's why we need breeders of purebred dogs today. People who breed to preserve dog breeds are usually hobbyists. They may participate in [dog shows](#) or [companion/performance events](#) with their dogs. The dogs that they can't keep are usually placed in pet homes. Yet cities and state legislatures are passing laws that can make it virtually impossible for smaller breeders to continue this important work.

For example, a [bill currently under consideration in New Jersey](#) would ban breeders from selling dogs outside the state unless the sale was made face-to-face. If you are a breeder in New Jersey and a potential buyer in say, California, is interested in one of your dogs, this buyer would have to come to New Jersey to see and buy the dog. Or the breeder would have to take the dog to California. This is obviously onerous and unnecessary. It also adds a tremendous expense to the cost of the dog. This kind of legislation is proposed in the name of "consumer protection" but it is actually meant to punish and discourage dog breeding.

Before you say that the person in California could find another dog closer to home, what if the New Jersey breeder is one of the few people in the country breeding that particular breed? In many cases we are talking about breeds that may only register a few litters per year. That's why this kind of legislation is so dangerous. In some cases it could literally cause the extinction of breeds. Breeders give up breeding rather than face these kinds of legislative problems.

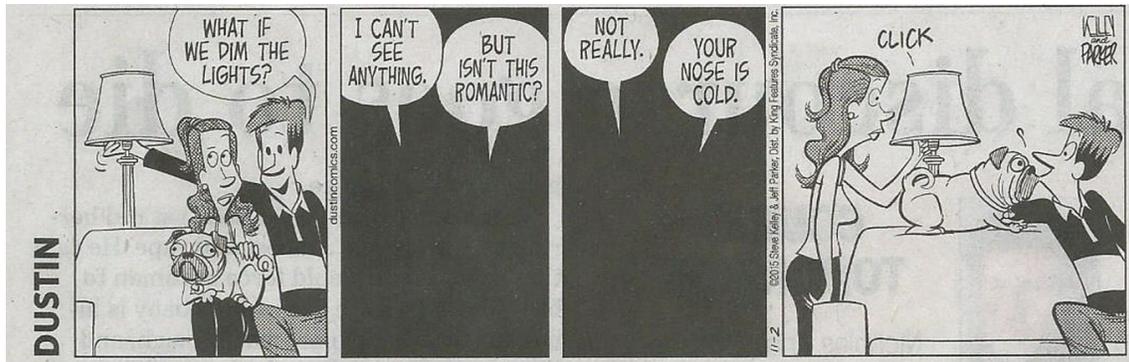
Other breeding bills lump small breeders in with large commercial breeders. Small breeders are in no way able to meet some of the kennel requirements written for large commercial establishments because they typically keep their dogs in their home as pets.

No one is suggesting that people should not get a dog from a shelter or rescue if that's what they want to do. Many breed clubs were among [the first dog rescue groups](#) in the U.S. Breeders love dogs and believe in rescue. But people should also have the option to purchase a purebred dog from a dedicated breeder without harassment or guilt. And breeders should be able to breed their dogs without punitive laws.

The wonderful dogs that appeared at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show do not happen by accident. They take years of planning and loving work on the part of dedicated breeders. We can't let those breeders - or the breeds so many people love - become the victims of short-sighted anti-purebred legislation.

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