

WAGG'N TAIL



May 2017

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Next General Meeting and fun Picnic/Match

May 21, 2017

Howard Amon Park
(Pavilion behind the
Community Center)

11:00 am

Club will supply chicken
and drinks. Those
attending, please bring a
passing dish.

A Round Robin Fun Match
will be just after the picnic.

Board of Directors Meeting

May 21, 2017

To be held in conjunction
with the Fun Picnic/Match.

Want to Help With Handling Class

Wednesday evenings at 6:30.
It is a great way to help your Club,
observe dog movement and give
our current volunteers a little
break. People right now are only
having to do a class every two
months. A few more people and it
could be once every 3-4 months
Contact Cheryl at
Draymia@gmail.com

Handling Class

April 5, 2017 Howard Amon Park.
Behind the Community Center

Wednesdays 6:30

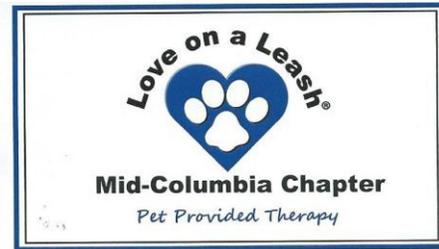
May 3rd- Bonnie & Chuck

May 10th- Candee Foss

May 17th- Alyssa Paxton

May 24th- Kim & Bruce

May 31st-Rose Davis



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Member Brags

Bonnie & Chuck Ames

Pembroke Welsh Corgi Chintimini KC

Amsburg's Own Better With Time Winners Bitch

Tibetan Spaniel

Tibroke's Meet Me Half Way At Amsburg 2nd Non-Sporting Grp 4-6 puppy

Kim Glenn and Bonnie Ames

Pembroke Welsh Corgi Albany, OR

GCH Amsburg's Signed Sealed & Delivered (Si)

Apr 1 BOB Owner Handler 4 points and 3rd in Herding Grp.

Thank you Chuck, for taking him in for groups.

Apr 2 Select Dog for two more points.

Amsburg's Edge of Glory (Glory)

Apr 1st RSV W/B

Apr 2nd WB for 2 points

Cheryl Stevens

Miniature Bull Terrier (Casper)

UKC Lilac City in Spokane

Nosework Trial: Casper got first leg for his Advanced Container and also a leg for his Novice Exterior.

Michele & Bill Murray

Have a new Norwich Terrier puppy!

RKC GENERAL MEETING

DATE: April 6, 2017 – 7:30pm

The meeting was called to order by President Alyssa Paxton at 7:30 at the Richland Community Center.

Roll Call: Members and guests introduced themselves and their breeds.

Cheryl Stevens motioned and it was seconded by Will Murray, to accept the Minutes as published in the last newsletter.

Handling Class: Class has moved to Howard Amon Park at 6:30. As the days lengthen, it will start later.

Treasures Report: Given

Show Secretary: No Report

Unfinished Business:

Cheryl Stevens reported she is trying to get a Cardiologist along with out Thyroid and CERF Eye Clinic.

Pet Expo: It was reported that things ran smoothly. One problem was one of the Rescues with an unruly dog. It was well attended by the Public both with and without their dogs. The Pet Expo people are planning on expanding next year. Alyssa talked with Sybil (coordinator) and she wants the RKC to attend. Volunteer for a committee to see about a RKC booth for next year. Rosemarie Davis, Bonnie & Chuck Ames and Alyssa Paxton will look into having a booth at next years event.

Chuck Ames reported the Water Follies Committee has spent around \$7,500.00 to upgrade electrical in the park. Chuck Ames moved to donate \$2000.00, to them to help with their costs. Mark Glaman seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

May Fun Day: The combination picnic/Round Robin Fun Match will be held on May 21, 2017, (11:00) at Howard Amon Park. The Club will supply chicken and drinks. Members please bring a passing dish. The Fun Match will be held after the picnic.

Chuck Ames moved to adjourn. Mark Glaman seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Submitted by Cheryl Stevens

Using Bogus Service Dogs To Obtain Privileges Is Now A Crime

Why is it a crime and a shame to use bogus service dogs?

It may seem harmless enough to put a fake vest on a dog and pretend it's a service animal because you want the animal's company in a restaurant, store or even on an airplane. If you think it's okay to do so, however, you need to know that is against the law, and here's why: When bogus service dogs behave badly, it starts a chain reaction among business owners who might question future customers claiming they have a service dog. These phony service animals often have no training, which means they are no help to the handicapped; in addition, some animals may become aggressive in a public setting and a danger to those around them.

According to Lowry Heussler of Cambridge, Massachusetts, who uses a service dog to help her walk, "The problem is that all the work we did of convincing the public that if you see a dog wearing a cape, that dog is safe and reliable and you don't have to worry about anything — that work is being undone."

The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and bogus service dogs

The Americans with Disabilities Act defines a service animal as one "individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability." That applies only to dogs and miniature horses, and excludes animals that may be needed mainly for psychological support, such as emotional support animals and therapy dogs. Compounding the problem is the fact that there is no official certification process for the service dog industry, which makes it easy to push a phony agenda.

Three categories for animals allowed to go where average pets cannot

Emotional support animals may or may not have special training, but their purpose doesn't really require any. They

are there solely to provide comfort for someone with a documented mental health condition. Therapy animals, on the other hand, are usually registered through an agency and their purpose is to aid those in need. Therapy animals have no specific rights under the ADA, but they are allowed access to hospitals and schools at the discretion of the organization.

Service animals are not required by law to wear vests, but are trained to perform tasks that mitigate their handler's disability, such as pressing elevator buttons, retrieving dropped items from wheelchairs, alerting hearing-impaired people to doorbells and smoke alarms, providing balance to those with prosthetic limbs, and sensing when a person is having a medical emergency. For veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, service animals can act as a physical buffer and prevent strangers from crowding too closely.

Regardless of which of the three categories an animal falls into, any business has the right to expect the animal to be well-behaved and not pose a threat to the health or safety of other patrons. This includes any type of disruptive behavior and also any indications that the animal is not house-broken.

The new law about bogus service dogs

Nineteen states have enacted fraudulent representation of service animal laws in an effort to curb the growing problem of fake service dogs. Massachusetts state legislators are currently considering a bill that would make it a civil offense to misrepresent a pet as a service animal. The bill is aimed at exposing those operations that sell untrained or poorly trained dogs to the disabled, especially veterans, potentially putting them in harm's way.

The bill is modeled on similar laws in Florida and Colorado. The key sponsor, Republican Representative Kimberly Ferguson, said "I could go online right now and get a service dog ID kit, and I certainly don't have a service dog. Our goal is to prevent abuse of the system, because animals that aren't legitimate service dogs can give true service dogs a bad reputation, and that does a terrible disservice."

