

WAGG'N TAIL



April 2018

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<p>April MEETING</p> <p>April 5, 2018</p> <p>Richland Community Center</p> <p>7:30</p>	<p>Board of Directors Meeting</p> <p>April 24th</p> <p>Sterlings on Queensgate.</p> <p>7:30</p>	<p><u>NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS</u> <u>SO FOLKS ONLY DO CLASS</u> <u>EVERY 3-4 MONTHS!</u> Want to Help With Handling Class Wednesday evenings at 7:30. It is a great way to help your Club, 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 Only want once, every 2-3 months? No Problem.</p>
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Handling Class

Howard Amon Park near
General Meeting Room
6:30

April 4th- Bonnie & Chuck
April 11th- Kim & Bruce
April 18th – Skeeter Benton
April 25th – Linda Riedel

Junior Showmanship Scholarship

Raffle Items

Instead of last minute donations, let's try
giving a little throughout the year.

Bring your donations to the meetings.

Paper Towel Rolls

Micro-wave popcorn

Hand Sterilizer

Lint Rollers

Dish Towels from Costco

Moist Flushable Wipes

Want to suggest a Judge?

Contact Linda Riedel at

ramblewoodess@gmail.com

Member Brags

Chuck and Bonnie Ames- Tibetan Spaniels-Covered Bridge Cluster- Feb 23-26th

New Champion- Amsburg's Own Twenty Four Carat Magic-
Linn County #1 WD/BW/BOB/BOBOH/Gr 3 OH 5 points
Linn County #2 WD/BW 5 points

McKenzie Dog Fanciers #1 WD/BW/BOS 5 points

McKenzie Dog Fanciers #2 BOB

Marilyn Clark – Tibetan Spaniels – Covered Bridge Cluster – Feb 23-26th

Tamzil's Princess Madelyn WB Feb 23rd 5 points

Amsburg's Stella Blue WB Feb 26th 5 points

Kim & Bruce Glenn and Bonnie Ames - Tibetan Spaniels - Covered Bridge Cluster – Feb 23-26th

Amsburg's Chantilly Lace Feb 24th and Feb 25th – WB for two 5 points

Cindy McInturf has a NEW Car!

Stacey Davis - Whippet – Covered Bridge Cluster – Feb 23-26

Que WD & BOB Linn County Kennel Club

Mark & Linda Glaman

Foundation Girl turned 15 years last month. Still going strong!

General Club Meeting Minutes - March 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Murray at 7:31 pm at the Richland Community Center. The members in attendance introduced themselves and their breeds and provided brags for the meeting which will be published in the next newsletter.

President Bill Murray reported that Cindi McInturf did an excellent job working with the Junior Handlers at handling class last Wednesday evening at 4 Paws.

GENERAL CLUB MINUTES – A motion was made by Chuck Ames and seconded by Michele Murray to accept the minutes as published in the last Newsletter. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – The Treasurer provided a report on club finances which is not published in the minutes.

Secretary Report – Corresponding Secretary, Bonnie Ames, provided the following:

✂ • A very nice thank you was received from the chairman of the Tri City Family Expo for our participation in January.

Handling Class - The Handling Class Chairman, Bonnie Ames, reported that the final handling class to be held at 4 Paws will be March 28th, with the handling class moving to Howard Amon Park starting at 6:30 pm on Wednesday April 4th. Also, Cheryl Stevens reminded everyone that more volunteers are needed to run the class to limit leaders to no more than once a month and trying for once every 3 months. Please let Cheryl know if you can support.

Show Committee – Show Chairman Stacey Davis provided an update on the show

introducing her Chief Ring Steward and discussing the a 4-6 month class on Saturday, a PeeWee handling exhibition on Sunday, and Owner Handler will be on both days. Also, Bonnie Ames reminded everyone to continue to provide donations for the instant raffle and thanked Jamie Harshfield for her recent donations.

New Member Readings – Two new member applications were presented to the membership for consideration at the next general meeting. The new members are:

✂ • Leslie Roller who has French Bulldogs

✂ • Allen Nowatzki who has Tibetan Spaniels

Old Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

The Club determined, based on AKC show events, to hold the RKC fun day round robin match on Saturday, May 12 at the Howard Amon Park (North end). This will be supported with a pot luck picnic as well. Bonnie Ames

accepted the chair for this event.

Following the Brag Box drawing won by Stacey Davis (funds donated back to the club), Cheryl Stevens motioned and Cindy McInturf seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The meeting was followed by an excellent presentation by Alison Brendel on progesterone services being provided by the Menk's clinic.

Notes respectfully submitted by Chuck Ames for Candy Foss

RKC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE: March 22, 2018 7:25

1. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Cheryl seconded. Motion carried.

2. Report of the Secretary

AKC is having a seminar for clubs and they want to talk about the future of the clubs - Bill Murray will be the point of contact.

3. Report of the Treasurer

Michelle gave the balances on the accounts. She sent out 3 scholarships!

She rented the gazebo at Columbia Point Marina Pavilion - #2. The fun match will start at 11:30am on May 12, 2018. Please RSVP so that Bonnie knows what to order for food. Please bring a side dish - the meat and beverage will be provided by the club.

4. Reports of the Committees

1. Membership - two new applications

Leslie Roller - French Bulldogs - 1st reading for the board

Allen Nowatzki - Tibetan Spaniel - 2nd reading

Chuck made a motion to present the applicants to the membership, Mark Glaman seconded

2. Show Committees

Asked Jaimie to be her assistant show chair - she feels that having a person on the show committee will be helpful.

Cindi sat in on Columbia Basin and that rally added two additional classes - so we now have several additional rally classes - Cindi suggested that we go to one show. She compared the entries at Columbia to our past show and our entries were significantly lower. One option is to put a "cap" on the entries

So with the new classes and the additional needs we may just put a "cap". She also needs more resources and help. Chuck thinks we may want to withdraw the obedience - Cindi stated that Columbia Basin will give us a proposal with regards to what they may want for assisting us with ring stewarding. The obedience chairs will present to us at the next meeting what they will do.

3. Training Director/Handling Class

Handling class is going on - Bonnie gave \$32.00 that was collected

4. Judges Selection

none

5. Match

May - Pot Luck round robin match - there will be one class for Champions!

6. AKC Delegate

none

5. Unfinished Business

none

6. New Business

none

7. Adjournment Chuck made a motion to adjourn - Cheryl seconded. meeting ended at 8:05pm

Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) Affects Everyone

According to the organization [Responsible Dog Owners of the Western States](#), there are currently 75 banned or restricted breeds in the United States. Worldwide, the breeds of dogs banned or restricted is also surprising. In Ukraine there are 80 breeds banned and restricted, including one of America's most popular dogs, the Labrador Retriever. In Bermuda, you will need to take extra precautions if you plan to walk your Australian Cattle Dog or Bouvier des Flanders in public. And in Ireland, you must be 16 years of age and have your dog muzzled if you plan on taking your Rhodesian Ridgeback off your property.

BSL is a slippery slope that can affect any breed of dog. Introduction of BSL is most common after a tragic attack or bite incident. While proponents have good intentions in trying to protect their communities from dangerous dogs, breed-specific bans ultimately punish responsible dog owners, while doing very little to actually punish irresponsible owners. A study published by the Journal of Animal and Veterinary Advances found that owner behavior has a direct impact on dog aggression and personality ("Factors Links to Dominance Aggression in Dogs." Journal of Animal and Veterinary Advances. 8(2): 336-342, 2009). The study of approximately 50 purebred breeds concluded that the time an owner spends caring for and training a dog is inversely correlated to the level of aggressive behavior the dog exhibits. Other studies, including one from the United States Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), support the premise that any dog can be exploited and trained to be aggressive, and when specific breeds are regulated, offenders will switch to unregulated breeds to exploit. Additionally, in 2003, Italy had a list of 92 banned and restricted breeds, a list that included the Bearded Collie and Corgi, until policymakers came to the realization that it is more effective to hold the owner than the breed responsible for the actions of a specific dog.

Many experts have also observed that public perceptions of which breeds are most dangerous have changed throughout the decades. In the 1970s, Doberman Pinschers were singled out. In the 80s, German Shepherds targeted. In the 90s it shifted to Rottweilers, and today it's pit bulls. This begs the question, will your breed be next? Or can we finally put the responsibility for dangerous dogs where it really belongs—on irresponsible owners regardless of breed.

Although there have been many studies on the effectiveness of BSL, there is no evidence to support the notion that some breeds of dogs are more inherently dangerous than others or that banning ownership of certain breeds lowers the bite rate. In fact, the American Kennel Club, the American Veterinary Medical Association, the National Animal Control Association, the American Bar Association, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, and a host of other respected national organizations oppose BSL and recognize the inequities and inherent fallacies of such laws.

Why Does BSL fail?

First and foremost, it is difficult to enforce. Many Animal Control agencies use a very vague list of breed characteristics to determine whether a dog is considered a certain breed. The time spent on breed identification takes time away from important tasks that could impact the community for the better. It is also very difficult for public officials to enforce such provisions in a fair and effective manner.

Second, BSL is extremely costly to the community. According to the Best Friends Animal Society, Prince George's County, Maryland spends more than \$250,000 annually to enforce their pit bull ban. This money could be used more efficiently by addressing the root cause of the problem- irresponsible dog ownership. When BSL is implemented in a community, the shelter costs for that community increase when residents are forced to abandon household pets of the targeted breeds at shelters. Because adoptable dogs of the targeted breed cannot be adopted out, they are generally euthanized at the shelter at public expense.

Third, BSL provides a false sense of security. The time and money spent enforcing BSL means less time and money is spent on enforcing better alternatives to keeping a community safe. Strongly enforced animal control laws (such as leash laws), generic guidelines on dealing with dangerous dogs of any breed, and increased public education efforts to promote responsible dog ownership are all better ways to protect communities from dangerous animals. Uniformly enforced animal control laws will force all owners, regardless of the breed of dog they own, to be responsible animal owners while also preventing irresponsible owners from simply turning to a different breed.

In the United States, more than 700 cities have enacted BSL, affecting thousands of dogs across the country, in addition to the many breeds affected worldwide. Enforcing laws that punish "the deed, not the breed" ensures that communities stay safe and individuals can enjoy their choice of breed and the best pet for their lifestyle.



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