

WAGG'N TAIL



April 2019

Officers & Committees

President Bill Murray 531-0432	Vice-President Chuck Ames 588-6430	Recording Secretary Candee Foss	Corresponding Secretary Bonnie Ames 588-6430	Treasurer Michele Murray 531-0432
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<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Thursday April 4, 2019</p> <p>7:30</p> <p>Richland Community Center</p>	<p>Board of Directors Meeting</p> <p>Thursday April 18, 2019</p> <p>Dickies 6627 Burden Blvd Near Rd 68 in Pasco 7:30</p>	<p><u>NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS</u> Want to Help With Handling Class Wednesday evenings at 7:00. 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 3-5 months Contact Cheryl at Draymia@gmail.com With a few more volunteers, people will only have a class every 3-4 months.</p>
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Handling Class

7:30

4 Paws Dog Works

AT 4 PAWS April 3rd & 10th

April 3, 2019 – Bonnie and Chuck

April 10, 2019 – Stacey Davis

MOVES TO HOWARD AMON PARK-

BEHIND COMM. CENTER

April 17, 2019 – Mark Eby

April 24, 2019 – Chris Larson

**Please note new time—7:00 when
moves to Howard Amon**

2765 Kingsgate Way Richland, WA

Dogs need to be current on their vaccinations and
handlers need to sign a waiver if you have not
already done so.

Junior Showmanship Scholarship

Raffle Items

For 2019 Shows!

Poop Bags First Aid Kits

Travel Packs or boxes of Kleenex

Shower Gel Paper Towels Dog Toys

Granola Bars

Hand Sterilizer Lint Rollers

MICROWAVE POPCORN

See something of interest?

See something fun?

Bring them

Want to suggest a Judge?

Contact Linda Riedel at

ramblewoodess@gmail.com

MEMBER BRAGS

Rylee Carlon

1st Place in Open Senior Juniors and Reserve Best Junior in Albany

Linda Riedel – English Springer Spaniels

Bitch Pregnant with Frozen Semen from historic winning male.

Jamie Harshfield

Wire Dachshund got an Award of Merit at Westminster. Also had a litter
of 11 Great Danes, born on February 9th.

Stacy Davis

3 points in Albany on Obailee Kap's Sugar Tonight

RKC General Meeting Agenda March 7, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Bill Murray

1. Roll Call

Members introduced themselves and their breeds. Some brags

2. Reading of the minutes from the last meeting

Stacey Davis motioned to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter – Larry Thurman motion to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

3. President's report – CBDTC meeting held Monday to finish up the Memorandum of

Understanding, meeting went smooth and everything is moving forward – Ad with Walla Walla is out now in Show Site Magazine – mention of video on UTube called Kit Bull

4. Report of the Secretary – none

5. Report of the Treasurer

Michele gave the reports of the accounts. Reminder that dues are now due

6. Reports of the committees

- Membership – Second readings for:

- i. Felicia Phelps – Basset Hounds

- ii. Janice Kusch & Dan Mitchell – Norwich Terriers

Motion to accept by Will Murray and Mark Eby. Seconded by Cindi McInturf. Motion Carried

- Show Committee

Linda Reidel is filling in employ slots of judges – Stacey reported that paperwork on specialties – German Shepherd Club, Great Dane Club, Cardigans and supported entry of Border Collies had been sent in – we can still accept new supported entries for this year, but no new specialties. – Tri Cities Antique Car Club has contacted Stacey about coming down and setting up cars on Saturday near where the pictures are taken, and charge nominal fee for people to take pictures with the cars. Any monies would be split between their club and our juniors fund. – Ring stewarding class will be held before our regular meeting at 6:30 on September 5th, to get everyone ready for the show. – Linda would like to know how many permit judges we need to have on slate to satisfy our education/outreach needs – Stacey was contacted by PHA handler, last year they had a bbq/party on the show grounds after the show Saturday, and would like to do it again this year. Stacey suggested to them that some of members be included, so that we could make sure it all is in control.

Stacey has reserved a tent for hospitality from Pasco Rentals, they will be delivering the tent, the tables and chairs at 12:00 on Thursday and they will be setting the tent up. **THE CLUB MEMBERS ARE NOT TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE TENT AT ALL** – due to liability issues, they will be setting the tent up and taking the tent down. No help from us at all. They will come at 6:30 on Sunday to take the tent down and take the tables and chairs back.

If you have questions, please call the committee head for that area, do not call Stacey on all questions regarding the show.

- Training Director/Handling Class

- i. Nancy Eby brought up that with some of our classes being cancelled, is it possible to have our classes inside into April a little longer, as many of the spring shows are indoors. Said we would check into it.

- Puppy Match – May 18th at Columbia Point Marina Park (same as last year), pavilion is reserved from 12-4, however, will be able to get in earlier, as earlier group should be done by 11. Cindi McInturf is the chair. Club will provide main dish and drinks. All others need to bring side dish
- Helen and Dave Criswell volunteered to have the picnic at their house in August again.
- No unfinished business currently
- No new business
- Cindi McInturf motioned to Adjourn, Stacey Davis seconded. Adjourned at 8:27

Board Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Murray at 7:31 pm at Cousin's Restaurant in Pasco, Washington. Members in attendance were President Bill Murray, Vice President Chuck Ames, Corresponding Secretary Bonnie Ames, Treasurer Michele Murray, Board members Mark Eby and Cheryl Stevens, Show Chairman Stacey Davis, and members Chris Abramson, Fred Riedel, and Jane Beyer

BOARD MINUTES – Motion made by Cheryl Stevens and seconded by Michele Murray to accept the February board meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Secretary Report – Corresponding secretary, Bonnie Ames informed the board that Roseanne Davis thanked the club for her get well card.

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

- There is now a PayPal account established for the Club to allow payments to the club and show and other activities tied to email Richlandkc386@gmail.com.
- The junior scholarship account is now funded for 5 years. A total of \$28,000 has been obligated since the start of the scholarship in 2012, with a total of \$12,500 disbursed. Only \$2400 of the scholarships has been forfeited due to time.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership** – There were no membership applications to present at this time.
- **Show Committee** – Show Chairman Stacey Davis discussed the status of the upcoming show and all is proceeding well. She attended the Walla Walla general meeting during the week and stated that the club is very excited about the upcoming cluster and will be providing member support during setup.

ACTION: Bonnie Ames needs to obtain another 50 blue lanyards to support the Walla Walla KC show on Friday.

Jane Beyer discussed the potential catering options and there was discussion about having a cake for exhibitors and workers after BIS on Saturday.

Jane also provided that she has an artist acquaintance who would be willing to provide a special cover of the show site and the BIS winners from the previous years for the following year catalog. Issue is ongoing further discussion

Jane also identified the possibility of getting advertisers for the show and how to feature these advertisers was further discussed. The board settled on getting prices for banners to be put around the rings similar to the hockey rink.

ACTION: Bonnie and Charles Ames will look into the cost of banners.

- **Handling Class** – Due to the bad weather and class cancelations, 4 Paws Dog Werks has agreed to extend our use of the facility an additional 2 weeks into April, starting at 7:30pm. Handling class will move to Howard Amon Park on Wednesday April 17, 2019 starting at 7:00 pm.

Old Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

A motion was made by Chuck Ames and seconded by Bonnie Ames to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Notes respectfully submitted by Chuck Ames for Candy Foss.

What Dog Owners Need to Know About the FDA's Grain-Free Diet Alert

The [FDA launched an investigation](#) into potential links between canine heart disease and diet — specifically grain-free diets. We've compiled the information you need to know to understand this recent development.

What is the FDA Investigating?

It is easy to jump to conclusions anytime we see an FDA headline about pet food. After all, our dog's health is essential to us, and we know that diet can make a big difference in a dog's well-being. We reached out to Dr. Jerry Klein, the Chief Veterinary Officer of the AKC, to hear his thoughts on the investigation.

“The FDA is investigating a potential dietary link between canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) and dogs eating certain grain-free pet foods. The foods of concern are those containing legumes such as peas or lentils, other legume seeds, or potatoes listed as primary ingredients. The FDA began investigating this matter after it received reports of DCM in dogs that had been eating these diets for a period of months to years. DCM itself is not considered rare in dogs, but these reports are unusual because the disease occurred in breeds of dogs not typically prone to the disease.”

After the advisory, 149 new cases of DCM were reported to the FDA.

What is Dilated Cardiomyopathy?

Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) is a type of canine heart disease that affects the heart muscle. The hearts of dogs with DCM have a decreased ability to pump blood, which often results in congestive heart failure.

Some breeds, especially large and giant breeds, have a predisposition to DCM. These breeds include [Doberman Pinschers](#), [Great Danes](#), [Newfoundlands](#), [Irish Wolfhounds](#), and [Saint Bernards](#). While DCM is less common in medium and small breeds, [English](#) and [American Cocker Spaniels](#) are also predisposed to this condition.

When early reports from the veterinary cardiology community indicated that recent, atypical cases in breeds like [Golden Retrievers](#), [Labrador Retrievers](#), [Whippets](#), [Bulldogs](#), and [Shih Tzus](#) all consistently ate grain alternatives in their diets, the FDA took notice.

Should you be Concerned About Grain-Free Diets?

According to Dr. Klein, “At this time, there is no proof that these ingredients are the cause of DCM in a broader range of dogs, but dog owners should be aware of this alert from the FDA. The FDA continues to work with veterinary cardiologists and veterinary nutritionists to better understand the effect, if any, of grain-free diets on dogs.”

In the Dec. 1 version of the [Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association](#), Lisa M. Freeman, DVM, Ph.D., DACVN, provided an update to the research on DCM and emphasized the issue is not just grain-free diets. She calls the suspected diets “BEG” diets (boutique companies, exotic ingredients, or grain-free diets).

“The apparent link between BEG diets and DCM may be due to ingredients used to replace grains in grain-free diets, such as lentils or chickpeas, but also may be due to other common ingredients commonly found in BEG diets, such as exotic meats, vegetables, and fruits,” Freeman wrote.

Freeman emphasizes that although there appears to be an association between DCM and BEG diets, the relationship has not yet been proven, and other factors may be equally or more important.

As a general rule of thumb, the best thing you can do for your dog’s dietary health is to consult your veterinarian, not the internet. Together you can weigh the pros and cons of your dog’s diet and if necessary monitor your dog for signs of DCM. Cases of DCM in dogs related to a specific diet can be reported to the FDA via their [Safety Reporting Portal](#).

March 19, 2019

The Washington State Senate Committee on Local Government will consider [House Bill 1026](#) on Thursday, March 21, 2019. This bill will prohibit local jurisdictions from passing breed-specific legislation (BSL) unless they provide an exemption to dogs that pass the American Kennel Club’s Canine Good Citizen (CGC) or an equivalent program. The bill has already passed the House, its original chamber.

Although AKC appreciates this compromise that recognizes the value of the CGC program and the opportunity for dogs to be exempt from breed-specific laws, we recognize this is only a first step. Breed-specific legislation unfairly singles out dogs based on their breed or appearance, not their actions. AKC still strongly encourages the state to eliminate BSL in its entirety.

For more information and talking points, [view AKC’s previous alert](#) on this bill.

What You Can Do:

Those who reside or participate in dog events in Washington are encouraged to contact the committee prior to the March 21 hearing and comment on House Bill 1026.

Washington Senate Committee on Local Government members:

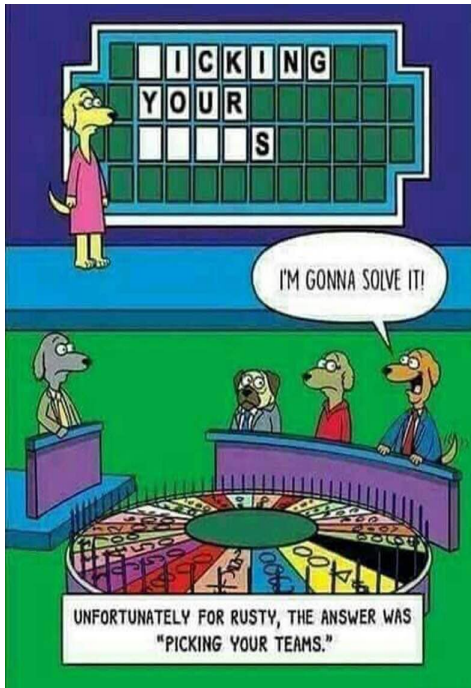
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