

WAGG'N TAIL



September 2019

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<p>Next General Meeting Sept 5, 2019 7:30 Richland Community Center</p> <p>Stewards Class at 6:45</p>	<p>Board of Directors Meeting</p> <p>Sept 19, 2019</p> <p>7:30</p> <p>Sterlings off of Queensgate</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 2-3 months. A few more people and it could be once every 4-5 months Contact Cheryl at Draymia@gmail.com</p>
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Need someone to take over Newsletter duties

MOST ARE SENT VIA EMAIL AND WITH ONLY A FEW BY SNAIL MAIL. PLAN ON 2-3 HOURS A MONTH. CHERYL—DRAYMIA@GMAIL.COM

Handling Class
Wednesdays 6:30
Howard Amon Park

Sept 4 - Bonnie & Chuck
Sept 11 – Kim & Bruce
Sept 18 – Skeeter Benton
Sept 25 – Cindi McInturf

We have lost a few volunteers and need a few new people to join our list. Right now folks do class about every three months. A few new people would sure help!

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

STEWARD TRAINING AND REFRESHER CLASS

Sept 5th at 6:45 before the General Meeting at the
Richland Community Center.

To volunteer to Ring Steward—contact
Sherry Blondheim at spaniels.sherry@gmail.com

President's Message

Our fall show cluster is coming up the end of next month and your help and support will be critical for the show to be successful. This show is a little different in that Walla Walla Kennel Club will be holding a conformation show on Friday, September 27th and all the obedience trials will be held by Columbia Basin Dog Training Club. While we will not support the obedience, it does not minimize your value in helping at the shows on Saturday the 28th, and Sunday the 29th. Our membership has always been there when needed most and I have no reason to doubt that the energy and support will continue as it always has for set-up, clean-up, stewarding, and any other activity that needs to be done. While the work is not heavy, it does take time and as said before, when we all pitch in, it isn't really work, it's fun!!

Anyone interested in stewarding at our cluster, please contact Sherry Blondheim at spaniels.sherry@gmail.com to reserve a spot at the stewarding presentation and to set up your stewarding times at the show. Anyone interested in other areas can contact me at RichlandKC386@gmail.com or Murraym499@aol.com and I will forward your message to the appropriate chairperson.

Finally, I want to recognize that all you do is done on a voluntary basis. We are all volunteers which takes a commitment above and beyond to help. While some of us in the club have leadership positions, no one is a boss and no one is a hireling. We are all volunteers.

Many of our club members take a lot on their plates to put the show together and sometimes our interactions are not always smooth. Many times, we forget that this is a voluntary position and that our support is also voluntary. It is because of this that respectful interface is even more critical. Each one of us must empathize and sympathize as we discuss needs and issues with others. Don't forget to say please and thank you as often as you can to our fellow club members and our exhibitors.

Your President,

Bill Murray

Richland Kennel Club

Special Board Meeting – August 1, 2019

The annual picnic was held at Helen and Dave Criswell's home – tonight and a special board meeting was called to order.

Meeting started at 7:27 – Called to order by our President – Bill Murry

Chuck Ames motioned, and Bonnie Ames seconded, that Kim Glenn and Michele Murray be the “nominating committee”. Motion was passed

Credit cards – we use Banner Bank and they have a credit card available for non-profit businesses that we can use for our club. We need to have access for purchases for our events, muffins, deposits for caterers and so forth and having a club card would enable the holders to use it. Because we are registered as a non-profit, we don't have to do all the credit background checks as long as we stay under \$20,000.00

RKC August 2019 Board Meeting

The August Board Meeting was called to order by President Bill Murray, at the Sterling's Restaurant at Vintner Square in Richland, Washington at 7:20 pm on August 22, 2019.

Attendees included President Bill Murray, Vice President Chuck Ames, Treasurer Michele Murray, Corresponding Secretary Bonnie Ames, Board Members Cheryl Stevens and Mark Eby, Conformation Show Chairman Stacy Davis, Judges Selection Chair Linda Riedel, and club members Chris Abraham, Jane Beyer, and Nancy Eby.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Cheryl Stevens motioned and Bonnie Ames seconded to accept the minutes for the July board meeting as published in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Report of the Secretary:

There was no report from the secretary.

Report of the Treasurer:

The Club financial statements, including checking, money market, and certificate of deposit were provided at the meeting. Anyone wishing to obtain the amounts provided should contact the club treasurer.

Committee Reports:

• **Membership:**

There was no membership applications.

• **Show Committee:**

2019 Show: The show committee members that are also members of the Walla Walla Kennel Club attended their club meeting this month. Walla Walla membership committed to helping at the show when and where possible. There was an issue identified with the Border Collie Sweepstakes which was resolved and the premium list has been published. Next year, Walla Walla will offer a \$200.00 Scholarship for the best junior handler and reserve best junior handler during their shows.

Parking reservations received to date total \$9560.00 with more coming. These moneys were mostly by check and some Pay Pal deposits as well. A parking committee meeting is being set up after the next general meeting to discuss set up.

A total of 5 groups and the Best-In-Show has been sponsored by local businesses, including Retter & Co./Sotheby's, Community First Bank, Ticolor Title Co, Grooming by Kat, and Allen Brecke Law Offices.

• **Handling Class:**

Handling class will continue for the month of August and September, with the September classes starting at 6:30pm due to the shorter days. Handling classes will move the 4 Paws starting October 2, 2019 starting at 7:30pm.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

A motion was made by Michele Murray and seconded by Cheryl Stevens to spend up to \$1000.00 to purchase 10 more life masks for pets to be donated to the Cities of Kennewick and Pasco fire departments. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bonnie Ames, and seconded by Cheryl Stevens to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charles Ames

Early Spaying, Neutering Large-Breed Dogs Linked to Higher Risk of Obesity and Nontraumatic Orthopedic Injuries

Spaying or neutering large-breed dogs can put them at a higher risk for obesity and, if done when the dog is young, nontraumatic orthopedic injuries, reports a new study based on data from the Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study. The spay/neuter study was published today in the journal PLOS ONE.

“For years, we’ve been taught that spaying or neutering your dog is part of being a responsible pet owner, but there really are advantages and disadvantages to consider when making that decision,” said Dr. Missy Simpson, Morris Animal Foundation epidemiologist and lead author on the paper. “Our study results give dog owners and veterinarians new information to consider when deciding on when to spay or neuter their dog, especially when considering the long-term health of their pet.”

In the general canine population, estimates are that one-third to one-half of all large-breed dogs are either overweight or obese. Roughly 2% of the same population suffer nontraumatic orthopedic injuries, such as cruciate ligament ruptures.

Dr. Simpson studied health data, collected over six years, from the entire Golden Retriever Lifetime Study cohort of more than 3,000 golden retrievers. Approximately one-half had undergone spay or neuter surgery.

She found that dogs that were spayed or neutered were 50% to 100% more likely to become overweight or obese, and the risk didn’t appear to be affected by the dog’s age at the time of surgery. Whether the dog had the procedure at 6 months or 6 years, the risk of weight gain remained relatively constant.

However, age at surgery does appear to be a significant factor regarding nontraumatic orthopedic injuries. Dr. Simpson found that dogs spayed or neutered before 6 months of age were at a 300% greater risk of sustaining those injuries.

While the paper focused on golden retrievers, Dr. Simpson noted the results likely can be applied to other breeds particularly other large- and giant-breed dogs.

“Different owners have different concerns for their dogs and the decision to spay or neuter your dog is a very complex one,” said Dr. Janet Patterson-Kane, Morris Animal Foundation Chief Scientific Officer. “It’s a balance in managing the risks of neutering or not neutering for owners committed to their dog’s health.”

The Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study is the most extensive, prospective study ever undertaken in veterinary medicine. Launched in 2012, and reaching full enrollment in 2015, it gathers information on more than 3,000 golden retrievers from around the United States, throughout their lives, to identify the nutritional, environmental, lifestyle and genetic risk factors for cancer and other diseases in dogs.

Owners and veterinarians complete yearly online questionnaires about the health status and lifestyle of the dogs. Biological samples also are collected, and each dog has a physical study examination annually.

The Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study is funded in part by the Mark and Bette Morris Family Foundation, Petco Foundation, Blue Buffalo Company, Mars Veterinary Inc.

ANTECH Diagnostics and Imaging, VCA Inc., Zoetis, Golden Retriever Foundation, and the Hadley and Marion Stewart Foundation.

About Morris Animal Foundation

Morris Animal Foundation's mission is to bridge science and resources to advance the health of animals. Founded by a veterinarian in 1948, we fund and conduct critical health studies for the benefit of all animals. Learn more at morriscaninalfoundation.org.

A New Bone Cancer Vaccine for Dogs

University of Missouri veterinary oncologists partner with ELIAS Animal Health to study a promising immunotherapeutic treatment for canine osteosarcoma.

Osteosarcoma is the most common type of bone tumor diagnosed in dogs, affecting an estimated 10,000 dogs each year in the U.S. alone. Too many owners are aware that this disease can be extremely aggressive with a poor prognosis.

In October 2018 at the Veterinary Cancer Society annual conference, researchers from the University of Missouri presented their initial findings of a clinical trial of a new patient-specific targeted treatment: a vaccine created from the dog's own tumor that harnesses the power of the dog's immune system to eliminate the cancer.

The team partnered with ELIAS Animal Health to evaluate ELIAS' Cancer Immunotherapy (ECI). Fifteen privately owned dogs (not laboratory animals) with osteosarcoma were enrolled in the study. The 10 dogs who completed the therapy (consisting of the ECI vaccine and protocol) experienced extended survival times – a median of 415 days of remission. This greatly exceeds the median remission time reported for osteosarcoma patients receiving amputation and chemotherapy (about eight to 12 months). Half of the dogs who received all aspects of the therapy are still alive, without disease, well over a year and a half later.

Further, the study found the treatment to be safe and tolerable. [Chemotherapy](#) can have toxic side effects and destroy healthy cells, so it's really exciting that "it's the first time that dogs with osteosarcoma have experienced prolonged survival without receiving chemotherapy in a clinical trial," says Jeffrey M. Bryan, DVM, PhD, DACVIM Oncology, professor of oncology at MU's College of Veterinary Medicine and director of the school's Comparative Oncology Radiobiology and Epigenetics Laboratory.

How the Bone Cancer Vaccine Works

The treatment involves a two-part protocol that takes about 60 days. Surgical removal of the patient's tumor by a veterinarian is the first step. The cancerous tissue is sent to the ELIAS lab where a patient-specific vaccine is produced and returned to the vet. The vaccines are administered on a weekly basis to activate the dog's immune system T cells to recognize his cancer.

The second step begins two weeks after the first step is complete. Using apheresis (a procedure that separates blood cells), a specialty center harvests the cancer-specific T cells generated by the vaccine from the dog. These T cells are sent to ELIAS, where they undergo a proprietary process to produce a tumor-specific population of activated cancer-killing T cells. These are, in turn, sent back to the veterinarian for administration to the dog.

The ELIAS process activates the dog's lymphocytes, priming them to identify, attack, and destroy the dog's unique tumor cells. This immunotherapeutic approach targets specific cancer cells; it does not destroy other rapidly dividing cells like chemotherapy does.

While the vaccine is not a preventative and is therapeutic only after diagnosis, "the body also develops a memory of immune targets, which may lead to long-term control of tumors," Dr. Bryan says. This could mean significant advances in survival and disease-free intervals.

The treatment is available through ELIAS Animal Health. "The collection of the tissue and administration of the vaccine and T-cell infusion could be performed by any veterinarian trained in the procedures," Dr. Bryan says. For more information about ECI and whether your dog is a candidate for treatment, see EliasAnimalHealth.com.



"He's a Chihuahua/Great Dane mix."

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