

WAGG'N TAIL



July 2020

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<p>General Meeting</p> <p>July 9th</p> <p>Howard Amon Park where handling class is held. Richland</p> <p>7:30</p> <p>No August picnic or awards for this year.</p>	<p>Board Meeting</p> <p>July 23rd</p> <p>Howard Amon Park where handling class is held. Richland</p> <p>7:30</p>	<p><u>NOTICE</u></p> <p>DUE TO THE COVID MESS. PLAN ON THIS YEAR'S AWARDS TO BE GIVEN NEXT YEAR.</p>
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Handling Class

July 1st – Chuck & Bonnie
July 8th – Cindi McInturf
July 15th – Skeeter Benton
July 22nd – Stacey Davis
July 29 – Mark Eby

Howard Amon Park
behind Community Center
Richland
7:00

Junior Showmanship Scholarship

Raffle Items *For 2020 Shows!*

Poop Bags Shower Gel First Aid Kits
Travel Packs or boxes of Kleenex
Clorox Wipes Paper Towels Dog Toys
Shampoo Body Wash Granola Bars
Hand Sterilizer Conditioner Body Spray
Dog Bowls Dog Beds Lint Rollers
Dog Sweaters Microwave popcorn
Dog Chews Full Size First Aid Kits
Small Appliances
Hand Towels (to be cut in half and have
button put on top).

Want to suggest a Judge?

Contact Linda Riedel at

ramblewood.ess@gmail.com

Richland Kennel Club

Board Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Murray at 7:32 pm outside the Richland Community Center in Richland, Washington. Members in attendance were President Bill Murray, Vice President Mark Eby, Corresponding Secretary Bonnie Ames, Treasurer Michele Murray, Board member Chuck Ames and Mark Glaman, Show Chairman Stacey Davis, and members Nancy Eby, Linda Glaman, Linda Riedel, Martin Casto, and Bruce and Kim Glenn.

BOARD MINUTES – Stacey Davis motioned, and Mark Eby seconded, to accept the board meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Secretary Report – Corresponding Secretary, Bonnie Ames, provided that a get well card was sent to Cheryl Stevens and a sympathy card was sent to Bruce and Kim Glenn on the loss of his mother.

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

Committee Reports:

🔪 • **Membership** – No membership applications were available for discussion.

🔪 • **Show Committee** – Show Chairman Stacey Davis provided that she is working to finalize the premium list with Ba Ray Event Services. To date, there will be 9 specialties, 1 national, and 1 carting event to be held in conjunction with our 4 all-Breed shows (including NOHS) and 4 Obedience and Rally trials. Judges Selection Chair Linda Riedel provided that to date 2 judges will need to be replaced for our shows.

🦁 • **Handling Class** – Handling class re-started the first of June outside the Richland Community Center starting at 7:00 pm following the state guidelines. It is expected these will continue through July depending on temperature.

🦁 • **Club Meetings** – The intent is to hold a General meeting on July 9, 2020 at Howard Amon park, even though the constitution does not mention a July meeting. This is due to the lack of meetings as a result of the COVID-19 response. There will not be an awards picnic in August unless things change.

Old Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

There was no new business provided during the meeting.

A motion was made by Chuck Ames and seconded by Michele Murray to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Notes respectfully submitted by Chuck Ames for Candy Foss.

CARTING TEST AT OUR FALL SHOW

Pacific Coast Rottweiler Performance Club is hosting an ARC (American Rottweiler club) Carting Test at the Tri Cities Cluster Dog show.

All breeds are welcome, please see <http://www.amrottclub.org> for rules.

The test will be held on the grounds Saturday with judge Francis Keays (ID).

If interested, for more information or a premium list, please email neurodesrotts@yahoo.com or call 360 687 7778.

Ring-Stewarding at Conformation Dog Shows

August 26, 2020 at 8:00pm ET

https://www.akc.org/public-education/akc-education-webinar-series/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20200530_prcomms_noteworthy-news-may&utm_term=2020024_Noteworthy_News

AKC is putting on a Webinar on Stewarding

AKC Statement on Dutch Kennel Club 'Brachycephalic Decision': Context and a Cautionary Tale

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In recent weeks, there's been discussion, debate, and even some inaccuracies posted online about a recent decision by the Dutch Kennel Club to limit the registration of certain brachycephalic (snub-nosed) dogs based on length of muzzle, while also allowing crossbreeding in those breeds to increase muzzle length.

In May, the Dutch Kennel Club, Raad van Beheer (RvB), began a policy of limiting registration of certain breeds, citing health concerns related to muzzle length. The affected breeds are the Affenpinscher, Boston Terrier, English Bulldog, French Bulldog, Griffon Belge, Griffon Bruxellois, Petit Brabançon, Japanese Chin, King Charles Spaniel, Pug, Pekingese and Shih Tzu. As part of this policy RvB effectively encouraged crossbreeding to increase muzzle length, and offered to allow for future generations descended from those mixes to be registered as purebred.

The AKC and kennel clubs around the world are right to be extremely concerned by the decision. This week, the [AKC sent a statement of concern to the RvB](#), urging the club "to continue to aggressively work against overt attempts to control breed type and to continue to pursue education and scientific discussion of thoughtful ways to address health issues *within a breed* in a way that protects and preserves the essence of the breed."

The RvB's decision did not occur in a vacuum. It did not wish to limit registrations and it noted in a response to FCI that it had been seeking to avoid this "solution". Last week, the RvB provided reasoning including existential threats that put RvB in danger of criminal violation of the law and potential prohibitions on registering dogs and conducting events. *The key takeaway is that the underlying cause of the decision – passage of laws that advance radical animal rights/anti-breeder agendas under the guise of simple (but arbitrary and overreaching) "animal welfare" laws – represents an even greater and more universal threat for dog enthusiasts.*

In 2014, two laws, *the Animals Act* and *the Animal Keepers Act*, were passed into law in the Netherlands. Together, the laws limited the Dutch Kennel Club's autonomy and established government-based prohibitions related to animal breeding. The Animals Act allowed the Dutch Government "to draw up rules for the organization that manage the breed registry" and establish requirements that animals must meet before being registered or bred.^[i] The Animal Keepers Act established specific requirements for the breeding of pet animals.^[ii] The laws included some reasonable provisions and were passed in the name of animal welfare, but neglected to recognize the value of expertise and independence of veterinarians and breeders in making responsible breeding decisions on a case-by-case basis. The laws were rooted in a radical animal rights/anti-breeding viewpoint already pervasive in Europe, and increasingly commonplace in the United States.

Today, similar laws addressing the breeding and the sales of pet dogs are introduced on a regular basis in the United States. Organizations that push legislation governing pet breeding do not focus on science or empirical challenges such as the needs of pet owners or a shortage of pets. Instead they push the same kinds of arbitrary limitations seen in the Netherlands, and almost universally equate breeding with animal cruelty.

While the restrictions RvB placed on registering its breeds seem shocking, the sad truth is it shouldn't be. A study of legislation over the years illustrates a trajectory of policy changes that forced limitations on breeders and breeder organizations. Registry restrictions were yet another step in a long series of incremental efforts to end the breeding of purebred dogs.

The same kind of policy proposals in U.S. legislatures today are often supported and sponsored by legislators who don't even realize the agenda they are supporting. They're simply responding to the constituents who contact them. These laws can be stopped, but they need the efforts and support of all of

us. Legislators need to hear from their constituents and know that responsible dog owners oppose radical infringements on breeder expertise and dog owners' rights. They need to know *we the people* care about these issues – even when they don't seem to impact us personally ... yet.

We can stop a similar crisis here in the U.S. through constant vigilance. AKC's Government Relations team will be your partner. Are you willing to play your part? To learn more about canine legislation and advocacy, visit AKC's Legislative Action Center at www.akcgr.org and consider becoming a [legislative liaison](#) for your club and social groups.

Washington Info: Amendments to Hunting Contest Rules Proposed, Field Trials Not Impacted

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is seeking public comment on proposed changes to the regulations for hunting contests.

In Washington, permits are issued to non-profit organizations to hold a hunting contest, whereby a monetary prize of up to \$2,000 may be offered to the contest participant who harvests the most animals. WDFW has determined that "spree killing contests" that encourage and reward the killing of large numbers of native wildlife are not consistent with sound wildlife management practices, and therefore is proposing the following changes.

The first change would prohibit the Department from issuing hunting contest permits for hunting contests (involving both classified and unclassified wildlife species) that do not have bag limits. The second proposal would make it illegal for an individual to participate in a hunting contest that is not permitted by the Department and specifies that doing so would be punishable as an infraction. (Under current rules, only the sponsor of an unpermitted contest commits a natural resources infraction. The second proposal is to ensure that individual participants who participate in unpermitted contests are also held accountable for participating in unlawful activity.)

These proposals do not change general hunting regulations for species that have no bag limit, including but not limited to bobcats, coyotes, crows, foxes, or raccoons. Field trials are not affected by this proposed rule change.

WDFW will accept written public comments on the proposed rule changes through July 14. The public can submit written comments via email at Rules.Coordinator@dfw.wa.gov, on the web at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/July2020FWC>, or by mail to:

Wildlife Program
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
P.O. Box 43200
Olympia, WA 98504

The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission will also accept public comments on the proposed recommendations at its [July 30-August 1 webinar](#). Final action by the Commission is scheduled at their August 21 webinar.

For more information, contact AKC Government Relations at doglaw@akc.org.



June 9, 2020

Dear Friends,

The U.S. Congress is now poised to strengthen the broken U.S. dog import system! This is extremely important to anyone who loves animals.

Congress is moving very few bills forward right now due to COVID-19, so we feel truly fortunate that our bill, the [Healthy Dog Importation Act HR 6921](#), was introduced on May 18, 2020. Now we need your help to ensure its passage.



The bill will

1. **Amend the Animal Health Protection Act to cover the importation of dogs.** This Act already regulates the importation of other live animals and animal products.
2. **Require that every dog entering the country be in good health**, permanently identified, certified by an approved veterinarian in the country of origin, and carry records showing that it has received all the proper vaccinations.
3. **Require that dogs being imported for transfer to a third party (for resale, adoption, or donation e.g.) be at least six months of age and accompanied by a USDA import permit before entering the country.** (Importing a dog for your own use is not affected by this requirement.)
4. **Streamline and coordinate federal oversight**, ensuring documentation and import permits are shared electronically between APHIS, CDC, and Customs and Border Patrol, while clarifying APHIS' key enforcement authority.
5. **Require all Certificates of Veterinary Inspection for transport in commerce to be sent to USDA for inclusion in a centralized database.**

NAIA owes our gratitude to Congressman Ralph Abraham, veterinarian and medical doctor of Louisiana, and the co-sponsorship of the two other veterinarians in Congress, Kurt Schrader of Oregon and Ted Yoho of



Florida. We also thank our friends at the American Kennel Club for partnering with us to move this legislation forward.

Now, it is up to us to contact our Congress members and make sure they understand how important this bill is to each of us.

Take One Minute to Take Action Now

With one click you can contact your Congress member, add a sentence or more saying why this bill is important to you (in the blank space located in the message body), fill in your address so the system locates your lawmaker, and hit send.

COVID-19 has brought to the forefront how rapidly a disease can spread globally. We need to use this as an opportunity to be vigilant about and prevent the importation of infectious diseases, including those diseases and parasites that have already been carried by unhealthy imported dogs and spread to other animals and humans.

Thank you again for demonstrating your support of NAIA and the dogs that bring great joy to our lives.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patti Strand". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patti Strand
NAIA President



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