

Dog Bytes

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Nominating Committee Report

by Carol Callahan,
Nominating Committee Chairperson

The 2006 Nominating Committee which was comprised of Susan Gilles, Betty Schwartz, Carol Jansen, Martha Mullis and Carol Callahan, Chairperson has made the following nominations:

- President – Melissa Ratzlaff
- Vice President – Ken English
- Corresponding Secretary – Cathy English
- Recording Secretary – Janee' Kemp
- Treasurer – Carol Callahan

- Board of Governors – Gary Sturm, Jan Sturm, Marsha Caldwell, Dave Kemp and Carol Jansen

This year's committee felt a commitment to nominate some new members to the slate. We had to balance this commitment with finding members who are willing to serve and can attend the majority of all meetings. This was a difficult task. The committee contacted a number of members in an effort to find "new faces" but met with limited success.

But, in the end, I believe we were able to come up with a slate that includes both new officers, governors and also some dedicated members who were willing to stay on for another term.

My thanks go out to the committee for their hard work..

Just a reminder, according to our club by-laws, nominations from the floor may be made at the October 8, 2005 meeting.

Springer Spaniel Reunion

The Animal Welfare Society in West Kennebunk, Maine

As many may have heard, 92 Springer Spaniels were seized from a breeder in Dover-Foxcroft early in the spring of 2005. These dogs underwent some pretty big changes in the past few months and have come out of the dark, into the light of loving families and safe homes. Amy, one of our Dog Obedience Staff, was instrumental in the socialization of these dogs. She shares some of her thoughts below:

"The Springer Spaniels came to AWS in horrendous condition and many were very, very fearful. Once

they were cleaned up and given health checks it was obvious that we needed to get these dogs socialized as much as possible to help with their transitions into new lives. It was going to be quite a task though, since there were 15 of them and we did not know how long they would be with us.

Then a team of extraordinary volunteers took on the challenge with a strong sense of purpose and commitment! Training schedules were set and kept. In fact, the volunteers were so committed to this project, that of the 90 or so days the Springers were at

AWS, there was only one day that they were unable to train and socialize these dogs to some degree! This also includes the 8 younger Springers, which were transferred to AWS from the overloaded Bangor Humane Society.

These dogs proved to be very eager to please people and learn as much as they could. Even the most fearful of the group came around to enjoy training and the sense of accomplishment that came with it.

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Future Meetings

The October meeting will be on the 8th at Ken and Cathy English's home.

This meeting will be a one hour regular meeting followed by a bridal shower for Kelly Callahan.

The schedule will be:

- 11:00 regular meeting in the shop.
- 12:00 potluck.
- 1:00 bridal shower at the house.

Kelly is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond www.bedbathandbeyond.com; Tupperware www.tupperware.com; and Crate and Barrel www.crateandbarrel.com

Directions

From I-5 North take Exit 9, drive straight through the light. From I-5 South take Exit 9, turn left at end of ramp and left again onto 10th. Turn Right onto 194th street (Spinal Fitness Sign on corner, street is hard to see). At the top of the hill turn Left onto 17th Ct. (private drive), second house on Left. The color is light brown with white trim.

November Meeting

There is no November meeting set at this time.

Braggs & Wags

- CH Vanity Fair's Mystic Sunrise received an OFA "Good" and normal elbow certification. Dawn is owned by Larry and Betty Schwartz.
- Vanity Fair's Singularity was Cerf'd normal at 8 weeks of age. Lara is owned by Larry and Betty Schwartz.
- Gretelyn 'n Donahan's Lahdedah was WB/BOW/BOS at two shows in Montana in late June and won two 3 point majors. Lahde is owned by Don and Carol Callahan and Gretchen Patterson.
- CH Donahan's Definitely in Style, CD qualified at Mt Bachelor KC for his first CDX leg. He placed third in Open A with a 192.5. Duffy is owned by Don and Carol Callahan
- Donahan's Searching for You, TD, CD, NAJ, NA received her second and third legs for her NA at Mt. Bachelor KC agility trial and she received her first leg on her Open Jumpers with Weaves at the same shows. Echo is owned by Linda Coffel
- Donahan's Domino Designer finished his American Championship in Montana with two 3 point majors. Domino is owned by Bruce Elgort, Don and Carol Callahan.
- Cascadian's Touch the Sky received her first two legs in Novice Standard Agility in September. Skyler is owned by Carol Jansen.
- Donahan's Searching for You, CD, TD finished her Open Agility and Open Jumpers With Weaves in September. Echo is owned by Linda Coffel.
- Marcur's Gem Ruby was WB and Best of Winners at Olympic KC show on August 21st for a 4 point major. Ruby has also earned two Novice Standard Agility and One Novice Jumpers with Weaves legs. Ruby has been handled to all these wins by her junior handler, Anna Gilles. Ruby is co-owned with Susan Gilles.
- Gretelyn 'n Donahans Lahdedah was WB/BOW at Hurricane Ridge on July 30th, WB/BOS at Longview Kelso on September 3rd, WB/BOS McKenzie Cascade DF September 8th, WB/BOS Eugene KC on September 10th and WB/BOW Eugene KC September 11th to finish her championship. Lahde is owned by Don and Carol Callahan and Gretchen Patterson.

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The legal matters finally resolved, it was time to let the canine students move on to their new lives. These were emotional days for everyone but we had done the best that we could to get them ready and they are such wonderful dogs, they deserve to move on to families of their own. We knew there would be some adjustment issues to address since their worlds were about to expand to include many new and different people, sights, sounds and experiences.

The AWS Springer Spaniels, the adults and the puppies, are enjoying new lives with their adoptive families. A few are sharing life with other canine siblings. One is even splitting her time between island and in-town life. The most fearful of the group is the beloved companion to a retired couple living in the country!

I feel we helped these dogs to learn but they too were teachers. I can't speak for the other volunteers but I know they taught me a great deal about them and life as a dog, as

well as a great deal about myself. It was a long trip. But one I am glad to have taken."

We're looking forward to reuniting these wonderful dogs, adoptive families and caring volunteers at our 11th Annual Strut Your Mutt. We hope all of the dogs will join us for a group photo, a great walk and lots of time with friends and loved ones!

Show Results

Mt. Bachelor KC, 7/2

BOB CH Ramblewood Johnny B. Goode
BS/BW/WB Woodridge's Chantilly Lace
WD Ramblewood Sir Lancelot
RWD Star Gazers Maxwell Edison
RWB Mar-Ric Money Talks

Mt. Bachelor KC, 7/3

GP4/BOB CH Ramblewood Johnny B. Goode
BOS/WB Segre's Thats All She Wrote
BW/WD Darkover Can'Tyahear me callin'
RWD Lakeview Beau's Wild Bill
RWB Woodridge's Chantilly Lace

Greater Clark County KC, 7/12

GP1/BOB CH Telltale Salute
BOS/WB Mar-Ric Money Talks
BOW/WD Ramblewood Sir Lancelot
RWD Mar-Ric Roll On Texas Moon
RWB Ramblewood Gold Dust Woman

Portland KC, 7/13

GP1/BOB CH Telltale Salute
BOS/WB Mar-Ric Money Talks
BOW/WD Mar-Ric Roll On Texas Moon
RWB Ramblewood Gold Dust Woman

Portland KC, 7/16

BIS/GP1/BOB CH Telltale Salute
BOS/WB Mar-Ric Money Talks
BOW/WD Marcur's Paperback Writer
RWD Mar-Ric Roll On Texas Moon
RWB Marcur's Gem Ruby

Greater Clark County KC, 7/17

BIS/GP1/BOB CH Telltale Salute
BOS/BOW/WB Marcur's Ticket To Ride
WD Mar-Ric Roll On Texas Moon
RWD Marcur's Paperback Writer
RWB Pawmarc's Beloved Keepsake

Tualatin KC, 7/18

GP2/BOB CH Telltale Salute
BOS/WB Pawmarc's Beloved Keepsake
BOW/WD Mar-Ric Roll On Texas Moon
RWB Mar-Ric Money Talks

Inland Empire KC, 7/23

GP2/BOB CH Ramblewood Ray Of Light
BOS/BOW/WB Ramblewood Let Me Let Go
WD Hijinks Neiman Marcus
RWD Laurdan's Black Jack
RWB Ramblewood Paper Moon

Inland Empire KC, 7/24

GP1/BOB CH Ramblewood Ray Of Light
BOS/WB Lakeview Fancy's Chantilly Lace
BOW/WD Laurdan's Black Jack
RWD Hijinks Neiman Marcus
RWB Ramblewood Paper Moon

Hurricane Ridge KC, 7/30

BOB CH Ramblewood Fields Of Gold
BOS/BOW/WB Gretelyn 'N Donahans Lahdedah
WD Mar-Ric Roll On Texas Moon
RWD Hijinks Neiman Marcus
RWB Kadrian's Spot O' Pixie Dust

Hurricane Ridge KC, 7/31

GP3/BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance
BOS/BOW/WB Mar-Ric Money Talks
WD Hijinks Neiman Marcus
RWD Silverhill N Hunters All In
RWB Kadrian's Spot O' Pixie Dust

Nisqually KC, 8/13

BOB CH Ramblewood Fields Of Gold
BOS/BOW/WB Mar-Ric Money Talks
WD Mar-Ric Roll On Texas Moon
RWD Marcur's Paperback Writer
RWB Pawmarc's Beloved Keepsake

Nisqually KC, 8/14

BOB CH Amilyn's Flying High
BOS/WB Ramblewood Dark Lady
BOW/WD Quail Lane's Midnight Light JH
RWD Mar-Ric Roll On Texas Moon
RWB Woodridge's Chantilly Lace

PSESSA, 7/19

BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance
BOS/BOW/WB Woodridge's Chantilly Lace
WD Pawmarc's Northern Lights
RWD Mar-Ric Roll On Texas Moon
RWB Pawmarc's Beloved Keepsake

Olympic KC, 8/20

GP3/BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance
BOS/WB Ramblewood Paper Moon
BW/WD Synergenic's Winners Circle CD
RWD Ramblewood Hippy Hippy Shakes
RWB Amilyn Midnight Satin

Olympic KC, 8/21

BOB CH Woodridge's Chantilly Lace
BOS CH Amilyn's Flying High
BOW/WB Marcur's Gem Ruby
WD Silverhill N Hunters All In
RWD Ramblewood Hippy Hippy Shakes
RWB Mar-Ric Lonesome Dove

Longview-Kelso KC, 8/4

BOB CH Ramblewood Mister Magic
BOS CH Oxbow's Silver Lining
WB Ramblewood Let Me Let Go
RWB Gretelyn 'N Donahans Lahdedah

Longview-Kelso KC, 8/5

GP4/BOB CH Ramblewood Mister Magic
BOS/WB Gretelyn 'N Donahans Lahdedah
RWB Oxbow's Heartstrings

McKenzie Cascade KC, 8/8

GP4/BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance
BOS/WB Gretelyn 'N Donahans Lahdedah
BOW/WD Gleneire's Elvis Presley Vic
RWD Majic Road Less Traveled
RWB Ramblewood Let Me Let Go

McKenzie Cascade KC, 8/9

GP3/BOB CH Ramblewood Mister Magic
BOS/WB Ramblewood Let Me Let Go
BOW/WD Majic Road Less Traveled
RWD Gleneire's Elvis Presley Vic
RWB Gretelyn 'N Donahans Lahdedah

Eugene KC, 8/10

BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance
BOS/WB Gretelyn 'N Donahans Lahdedah
BOW/WD Majic Road Less Traveled
RWD Gleneire's Elvis Presley Vic
RWB Marcur's Gem Ruby

Eugene KC, 8/11

BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance
BOS CH Oxbow's Silver Lining
BOW/WB Gretelyn 'N Donahans Lahdedah
WD Majic Road Less Traveled
RWD Gleneire's Elvis Presley Vic
RWB Ramblewood Let Me Let Go

Coming Events

Conformation & Obedience

September 24-25, 2005

Gig Harbor Kennel Club
Shelton, WA

Saturday: Barbara J. Young-Smith
Sunday: Clay Coady

October 1-2, 2005

Richland Kennel Club
Kennewick, WA

Saturday: Paula Hartinger
Sunday: Roger R. Hartinger

October 13-16, 2005

Treasure Valley Dog Shows
Boise, ID

Thursday: Judith Goodin
Friday: Merlin J Van De Kinder
Saturday: Richard L. Byrd
Sunday: Betty J. Duding

October 29-30, 2005

Vancouver Kennel Club,
Ridgefield, WA

Saturday: Sandra Goose Allen
Sunday: Laurence J. Libeu

November 5-6, 2005

Williamette Valley Kennel Club
Albany, OR

Saturday: Sharon R. Lyons
Sunday: Frank J. Washabaugh

November 19-20, 2005

Whidbey Island Kennel Club
Monroe, WA

Saturday: Loraine Boutwell
Sunday: William Bergum

AKC Agility

September 24-25, 2005

Monroe, WA
Vancouver, WA

September 26-28, 2005

Battle Ground, WA

October 1-2, 2005

Bend, OR
Sequim, WA
Pocatella, ID

October 8-9, 2005

Auburn, WA

October 14-16, 2005

Boise, ID

October 15-16, 2005

Wenatchee, WA

October 21-23, 2005

Union Gap, WA

October 28-30, 2005

Rigby, ID

October 29, 30, 2005

Olympia, WA
Central Point, OR

November 5-7, 2005

Auburn, WA

November 25-27, 2005

Olympia, WA

December 10-11, 30-31

Elma, WA

Tracking

September 11, 2005

Fall City, WA
TR, TX

October 16, 2005

Cottage Grove, OR
TX

October 30, 2005

Sprague, WA
TX

November 13, 2005

St Paul, OR
TR/TX

November 13, 2005

Bow, WA
TR/TX

November 20, 2005

Rickreall, OR
TR

November 20, 2005

Bow, WA
TR

December 4, 2005

Yelm, WA
TX

Miscellaneous

Field Trial

October 8-9, 2005

Albany, OR

October 15, 2005

Walla Walla, WA

November 12, 2005

Ft. Lewis, WA

Drop-In Conformation Classes

Pup-A-Razzi, Beaverton, OR

Every Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

For more information: www.pup-a-razzi.com or (503) 259-8978

Drop-In Handling Classes

7:00 - 8:00 Tuesdays

Vancouver, WA

Contact Penny King at 360-600-1849
or www.pennyking.com

Competition Obedience Classes

6:30 - 9:30 Mondays

Vancouver, WA

Contact joana@zoiedog.com

Novice, Open and Utility

Drop-In Agility Classes

7:00 - 9:00 Tuesdays

Gresham, OR

Contact Penny King at 360-600-1849
or www.pennyking.com

Hiking with Your Dog

With dogs becoming more like family members these days, it's not surprising that people want to include them in activities such as hiking. And although it's not always a good idea to mix pets and wilderness, it might be possible to take Fido along if you follow some simple precautions. Here's are the basics to ensure a safe and happy hike for both you and your dog:

Respect the rules: The first rule of hiking with dogs is to respect the rules. Remember: It's not a right for your dog to be in the wilderness, it's a privilege. Don't jeopardize that privilege for yourself and others by ignoring prohibitions on dogs or leash restrictions. Always make sure you know the rules for the area you want to hike in. Dogs are not permitted on National Park or National Monument trails. National Forests may allow dogs on their trails, but there are exceptions, so check first. Dogs usually are allowed on wilderness area trails, but again, check to be sure.

Keep control: Keeping your dog on leash is a good idea at all times, even when it's not legally required. If you must let your dog off leash, be sure you have good voice command recall. That means you should be able to recall your dog even though a deer is running away from it. Likewise, you don't want your dog scaring horses or other hikers. You must be sure that you can control your dog even when it's leashed; some people own dogs that are stronger than they are. About leashes: a six-foot leash will give your dog enough room to tackle the trail without getting tangled up in underbrush or other hikers.

Health: Dogs are no different than people. They must be in shape before undertaking a strenuous hike. If you're not sure about your dog's fitness level, start off small and then work up to longer hikes. Make sure that all of your

dog's vaccinations and medications are current, including rabies, bordatella, and heartworm. If you're hiking in an area with Lyme disease, ask your vet about vaccinations.

Hydration: Staying hydrated is just as important for your dog as it is for you. In fact, because their body temperature is higher to begin with and they typically hike in a full fur coat, dogs are often quicker to overheat than people. Heat exhaustion and stroke can be fatal. It's up to you to bring a supply of clean water (drinking from ponds and streams isn't any better for your dog than it is for you) and to make sure that your dog drinks often. Some people teach their dogs to drink from a squirt bottle. Others bring along a collapsible water dish. If you notice your dog running from shady spot to shady spot, panting excessively or becoming red in the gums, stop and cool him down. Gently pouring water on the stomach and groin area is a good technique. And don't forget that your dog needs to drink on cold days, too.

Packing: Dogs can carry their own weight on a hike, or at least part of it. A healthy dog ought to be able to carry up to 1/3 of his weight in a special dog pack. Start with an empty pack full of shredded newspaper, though, to acclimate the dog to the pack before you gradually start adding weight on successive hikes. And don't put a pack on a dog on a hot, sunny day if there's a chance it will cause him to overheat faster.

Paws: If you're going to be hiking in an area with rough terrain, consider getting some dog booties to protect tender paws.

Post hike: After any hike, do a careful check

for ticks and for any burrs or foxtails in your dog's coat. Foxtails can mean an expensive trip to the vet if you let them get in your dog's nose or ears, so avoid hiking through areas with lots of them.

First aid: Part of your responsibility to your hiking companion is to be prepared for accidents. Some antibiotic cream is a good thing to have along for both you and your dog. Also, some Vet Wrap® bandage tape (which sticks to itself but not to hair or skin) is a good thing to have along.

Join a group: Check to see whether there's a dog-friendly hiking group in your area. Some Sierra Club chapters have canine hiking groups; others allows pets along on some hikes but not others. Never show up for a hike with your dog unless you're certain he'll be welcome (and legal).

Pack it out: It shouldn't need to be said, but it's essential to pack out dog droppings rather than leaving them on the trail or even by the side of the trail. Dog waste is not the same as that other animals, even that of coyotes or wolves. It's dangerous to the environment, especially near water sources, and it makes a bad impression on other hikers — not to mention their boots.

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