

# The Bulletin of the Pacific Crest Keeshond Club

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## RESCUE

Jan Bundsen

Last year some friends of ours in Montana lost both their Keesies in tragic circumstances several months apart. They were devastated. Delaena talked to Linda Hall, SueAnne Nelson, and Linda Peterson about animals in rescue and it was decided that the rescue Elvis was a good candidate for them. Because the family was so upset about their losses the usual placement process was put on a fast track and Elvis was delivered to his new home in short order.

From his new owner, Marie: "Attached are some pictures. Baru is growing. He is a sweet, affectionate, gentle boy. I arranged for Karen Duty ([www.hellroaringretrievers.com](http://www.hellroaringretrievers.com)) to come to the house and start some obedience lessons. Although he is a very good boy already, we want to do it right. She follows some of the "dog wisperer" techniques. She also has group lessons in the summer.

We just got back from a run with Baru's buddies, a couple of standard poodles. The sun was out, the air crisp and cold and a delightful time was had by all. Thanks again." Marie



Marie and Baru



As you can see, he is much loved. We want to thank all the people of PCKC Rescue for their efforts in getting Elvis/Baru placed in a timely manner to help out this worthy family.

## SPECIALTY 2008

Ann Elders

Plans for Specialty 2008 continue. Forms have been filed with the AKC, and we have received our approvals. The Specialty is scheduled for Friday, August 15, 2008. Closing is Wednesday, July 30th.

**Our judges will be:**

**Sweepstakes: Mrs. SueAnne Nelson**  
**Conformation classes: Mrs. Robin Stark**  
**Combined Specialty Obedience: Mr. Alvin Eng**

Due to increased AKC fees, etc., we have decided to increase the entry fees to \$23 and \$18.

Some special notes from the Olympic Kennel Club:

- \* Parking fees will increase to \$35.00 per night.
- \* The grass in the agility field may be artificial turf.

## KCA NATIONALS 2008

Ann Elders

Sierra Kennel Club is hosting the 2008 KCA National and Sierra Kennel Club Regional Specialties May 6 – May 10, 2008 in Burlingame, CA.

Activities include Conformation, Agility, Obedience, and Rally Obedience Events as well as KCA events, including Judges and Breeder Seminars, Awards Banquet, KCA Meeting, Top 20 Showcase, and a Hospitality night.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Burlingame is the host facility. The Crowne Plaza is located only minutes from San Francisco International Airport. For more information check the website at <http://sierrakeeshondclub.org/National/natfrontpg.html>

**If any of our members who are going to the Nationals would be able to post daily re-caps on our PCKC Yahoo site, those of us left behind would be very appreciative!**

## SEATTLE KENNEL CLUB MEET THE BREED

Penny LaFleche

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, four of our Club's Kees participated in Seattle's Meet The Breed Ring. Show goers were invited in to a special show ring where they could meet with our dogs and talk with the handlers about our breed. We're not sure how many guests we had to our ring, but we handed out 40 packets of club information, running out long before our 45 minutes in the ring were up. Chili, Kiefer, Dutch, and Zap were such good boys!

A **HUGE** thank you to our expert handlers; SueAnne Nelson, Linda Hall, Becky Severance, Nancy Baggott, and Kathy Gray of Mt. Hood Keeshond Club who also gave us a hand in the ring. You all are so knowledgeable, and did such a good job answering all the questions. And thank you to club members Steve and Carol Sugiyama, and Pat Shuler for coming out to support us, it was sure great to see you guys again.



*Zap had lots of hugs and kisses for the guests.*



*Chili shows the young guys how it's done.*



*"But Linda – There IS a hot dog stand right outside the door, I can see it from here!"*



*Kathy & Kiefer, SueAnne & Zap, and Linda & Dutch showing their stuff.*



*Kiefer meets his adoring fans.*

## DOG SPORTS-----MUSH!

Penny LaFleche

Fifty Cheeseburgers! That's about the equivalent of calories per day (12,000) that it takes to keep an **Iditarod** dog going on the trail. With 12 to 16 dogs per team, they run "The Last Great Race" which spans an unbelievable 1150 miles along the Bering Sea. Over Arctic tundra, through deep forests, and over frozen rivers they run, all the way from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska. The race started March 1<sup>st</sup> and just keeps on going until about March 17<sup>th</sup> when the very last team crosses the finish line. So now that Eukanuba and Westminster are over, cuddle up on the couch with your favorite fuzzbutt(s), and watch our Nordic cousins in **THIS** amazing dog show!

For more on these extraordinary canine athletes and re-run air times, visit [Iditarod.com](http://Iditarod.com).

### Did you know?????

- The race goes North in even years – South in odd years.
- The first Iditarod race was run in 1973.
- The teams run 6 hours at a time and then rest for 6 hours.
- Iditarod veterinarians do over 10,000 routine exams to ensure the health of the dogs throughout the race.

Next Issue ---- **Herding!**

## CANINE HEALTH

Christie Keith

The new strain of parvo: Deadly new canine disease, or just another Internet rumor?

By Christie Keith, Special to SF Gate

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

If you've read a dog-related e-mail list, Internet forum or blog in the last week, or spent any time in a dog training class, dog park or at a dog show, you've probably heard about a deadly new strain of canine parvovirus that's sweeping the United States. People say it's not only deadlier than regular canine parvovirus, but that the existing vaccines don't protect against it.

These warnings all cite a press release from Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory as their source, and most of them include a link to that release to back them up. This isn't, they seem to be saying, your usual unsubstantiated Internet rumor, spread without checking by some digital Paul Revere of the dog world. No, they're saying this is true, it's here, it's bad and it's something you and your dogs need to be worried about.

So, is any of this canine doomsday scenario true?

There is a little nugget of reality hiding in there, but the rest of it is a combination of fabrication, misinterpretation, and exaggeration, with a dollop of hysteria on top.

Let's start with whether or not this virus is really new, or even newly emerging in the United States. Are American dogs facing some sort of canine Andromeda strain?

For those not in the canine know or too young to remember a world before parvo, canine parvovirus, or CPV-2, first emerged in the world in the late 1970s. It was a truly new virus, recently evolved from the feline panleukopenia virus, although researchers don't know exactly how that occurred. It causes massive diarrhea and vomiting, damages the intestinal lining and in very young puppies attacks the cells of the heart. It also causes depressed white cell counts (leukopenia), one of the main things that differentiate CPV-2 from other forms of intestinal disease in dogs.

When this virus first appeared, no dogs of any age had immunity to it. It swept through kennels and households all over the world, sometimes killing dogs in a few hours.

Today, the situation is completely different. A very effective vaccine exists and CPV-2 disease in vaccinated adult dogs is rare. So when dog owners heard that a new strain of CPV-2 might have emerged that could evade the protection of existing vaccines, many feared a return to the terrible days of the '70s, when CPV-2 was new and deaths were frequent.

Although it's been those spreading the rumors rather than the press release itself that made this claim, it's not

hard to see where they got the idea. The press released announced the identification of a new strain of CPV-2 known as CPV-2c. It then went on to say that the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory had received a CPV-2c case where "the adult dog had been vaccinated multiple times and still became sick with Parvovirus," notable, they said, because "normally parvovirus does not affect adult dogs, only puppies."

But while it's true that adult dogs rarely get parvo, that's not because they can't get it, as the experiences of the '70s clearly showed. It's because nearly all adult dogs have been successfully vaccinated for the disease. And while the story of a dog who had been vaccinated multiple times but contracted the disease anyway is very frightening to contemplate, the fact is this is a problem that, although rare, has long been known in veterinary medicine. There is a very small number of dogs, known as non-responders, who are not able to form immunity to CPV-2 even when vaccinated. Although it's easy to infer from the press release that the reason the dog's vaccines failed to protect him was because he was infected with the new strain of parvo, there's no evidence that's the case. Vaccinated non-responders, just like unvaccinated adult dogs, get parvo from the older strains, too.

The rumor mill doesn't just say that the virus is newly emerging in this country, spreading rapidly and has no vaccine; the warnings also tell dog owners that the symptoms caused by CPV-2c are even more deadly than the parvo we already know and fear. People point to statements in the press release such as "Mortality has been quite heavy" and "this particular variant can attack the heart and intestines." Although the press release doesn't blame it on CPV-2c, it does mention 600 puppies who died "in one night," a terrifying scenario right out of any dog lover's nightmares.

But the fact that puppies can die from parvo is not news. That's because immunity to CPV-2 doesn't always form in puppies until 16 or even 20 weeks of age; vaccines given prior to that can fail to work due to interference from the immunity the puppies got from their mothers at birth. This is true of all strains of parvo, not just CPV-2c. And all strains of CPV-2 attack the intestines in all dogs, as well as the heart in young dogs, so that wasn't news, either. The press release sounded dire, but what was really going on?

I contacted Melissa Kennedy, D.V.M., Ph.D., a specialist in microbiology at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine and an infectious disease and immunology consultant for the Veterinary Information Network. I asked her what the story was. Is CPV-2c a huge new risk to America's dogs, against which there's no vaccine? Is the sky falling, as everyone at my local dog park assured me?

"Relax, don't panic, don't stay home from work with your dog," she responded. "This is completely different from the emergence of CPV-2 in 1978. Then, we were seeing a truly new virus in dogs, and the population had no immunity. Thus, we saw tremendous amounts of

disease and high mortality in both adults and pups. This new strain of CPV does bear monitoring, and eventual inclusion in vaccines will likely occur, but a repeat of the scenes from the late '70s and early '80s is not what we are facing. Concern and monitoring, but not fear and hysteria."

Do current vaccines protect against CPV-2c? All indications are that yes, they do. Kennedy told me that parvo in dogs simply hasn't changed enough since its emergence 30 years ago that immunity to one strain doesn't also confer immunity to the others.

She referred me to a 2006 paper by [Dr. Uwe Truyen](#), the researcher she calls the "guru of canine parvovirus," entitled "[Evolution of canine parvovirus — A need for new vaccines?](#)" In it, he concluded that the changes that had occurred in the canine parvovirus were too minor to impact immunity in adult dogs. "In the parvovirus system, the changes within the capsid protein that occurred over the last 30 years appear minute," he wrote.

Although adult dogs don't seem to face any greater risk from the new strain than from the older ones, there may be one group that is at increased risk. Very young puppies rely on their mother's antibodies to protect them from disease before they have the ability to form their own. If the mother has antibodies to the older strains, those antibodies may possibly be less effective against CPV-2c.

"My biggest concern is puppies who are totally dependent on the antibodies that they got from their mom to protect them, and in that case they don't have any backup," said Kennedy. "Adult dogs have not only antibodies but cell-mediated immunity, which can help protect them." A number of researchers, including Dr. Truyen, have noted the need for studies examining maternal antibodies and CPV-2c.

In the meantime, what should breeders and those with very young puppies do? Exactly what they should be doing about any strain of CPV-2. "Vaccinate puppies through 16-20 weeks of age. This may vary with the specific vaccine; follow your vet's recommendations for vaccine protocol," Kennedy said. "Avoid mingling pups with other dogs, or even taking them to environments where other dogs have been, like parks, until 16-20 weeks of age."

What about fears that this disease causes even worse symptoms than the older strains of parvo? Is that true? "The current indications are no, that it is a similar disease progression to existing strains," she said. Which isn't to say that owners shouldn't protect their dogs against canine parvovirus. "It's a terrible disease," she warned — all strains, not just CPV-2c.

There is one definite concern about the new strain for owners of dogs of any age, said Kennedy, but it doesn't have anything to do with prevention. It has to do with a diagnostic test for canine parvovirus known as an [ELISA test](#).

"Most of the (test) kits pick up the virus in the fecal sample by using an antibody to capture it, to pull it out of the poop," she said. If antibodies are a hook, little particles of a virus known as "epitopes" are the eye that the hook catches. Even though the virus hasn't changed enough that it can elude the immunity to other strains, if it changed in that one epitope, the antibody won't "catch" on the virus, and the test will give a false negative.

"We have seen, in a couple of cases, these anecdotal reports from veterinarians saying, 'Look, the ELISA's negative but this looks like parvo,'" Kennedy told me. "And I tell them, 'Send me a sample.' And we test it by these other methods, like electron microscopy, where we take the feces and actually look at it under an electron microscope and look for parvo. It doesn't matter if it's 2b, 2c, or you know, elephant parvo, we could see it. So that test works." Another test, known as a [PCR](#), is also able to detect the new strain of parvovirus, and Kennedy has seen some cases in her lab that were negative on the in-house test run by the dog's vet, but positive when she used other methods.

What's the takeaway message for dog owners? Certainly not that the sky is falling. While it's a good thing that researchers have an eye on the evolution of all viruses that cause disease, including CPV-2, so far it hasn't changed much. Your adult dog's vaccines still protect him from it, and it doesn't seem to have become more deadly or a greater threat, except possibly to some very young puppies. Veterinarians and dog owners also need to be aware that some fecal tests might give a false negative if the dog is infected with the new strain, although treatment is otherwise the same as for older forms of the disease.

Now, spread the word at the dog parks and on the Internet.

A complete transcript of Christie Keith's interview with Dr. Kennedy is available at [Pet Connection](#).

<http://www.petconnection.com/blog/parvo-kennedy/>

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## "ANIMAL RIGHTS" MOVEMENT

Nathan J. Winograd

### **PETA**

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals  
[www.peta.org](http://www.peta.org)

### **The PETA mission is to stop all breeding**

Read it in their own words at

[www.peta.org/feat-abc\\_campaign.asp](http://www.peta.org/feat-abc_campaign.asp)

The following is from Nathan Winograd, who is the founder of the No-Kill Advocacy Center. (Link to blog at bottom) Sunday, January 13, 2008

<http://nathanwinograd.blogspot.com/2008/01/petas-grizzliest-year-ever.html>

#### PETA's Grisliest Year Ever

In 2006, an official report from People for The Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) shows that they took in 3,043 animals, of which 1,960 were cats, 1,030 were dogs, 52 were other companion animals, and 1 was a chicken. Of these, they killed the chicken, killed 1,942 cats, 988 dogs, and 50 classified as "other companion animals." They found homes for only 2 cats, 8 dogs and 2 of the other companion animals. By the numbers:

PETA killed 1,942 of the 1,960 cats, finding homes for only 2..

PETA killed 988 of the 1,030 dogs finding homes for only 8.

PETA killed 50 of the 52 other companion animals (rabbits, guinea pigs, etc.), finding homes for only 2.

PETA killed the chicken they took in.

That's a 97% kill rate. Despite \$30 million in revenues, they found homes for only 12 animals. An additional 21 cats and 25 dogs were transferred to another agency (likely a kill shelter since PETA has a "policy against No Kill shelters.") The rest were put to death.

Why is anyone still listening to PETA? For a copy of the report, go to

[http://www.virginia.gov/vdacs\\_ar/cgi-bin/Vdacs\\_search.cgi?link\\_select=facility&form=fac\\_select&fac\\_num=157&year=2006](http://www.virginia.gov/vdacs_ar/cgi-bin/Vdacs_search.cgi?link_select=facility&form=fac_select&fac_num=157&year=2006)

(Please note: the number taken in as "others" and "reclaimed by owners" were animals taken in for purposes of low-cost spay/neuter.) To read more about PETA,

<http://nathanwinograd.blogspot.com/2007/09/peta-wants-tompkins-county-to-kill.html>

To compare PETA's rate of killing, with Washoe County, NV under the leadership of the No Kill Nevada Humane Society

[http://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/pdf/enews\\_007.pdf](http://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/pdf/enews_007.pdf)

To learn why PETA is intent on killing, read

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?z=y&EAN=9780979074301&itm=2>

Redemption: The Myth of Pet Overpopulation and the No Kill Revolution in America. The data was due to the Virginia Dept. of Agric. in the first quarter of 2007. PETA submitted it approximately 9 months late.

## PENDING LEGISLATION

[petlegislation@yahoo.com](mailto:petlegislation@yahoo.com)

*The following information is posted here just as received from the listed Yahoo Group. In future issues, I will try to visit each bill and provide a summary as to how the bill will affect the Dog Fancy. Unfortunately, due to our trip, there was not enough time to provide that service. I have the file covering all the states and will forward it to anyone who is interested. Jan.*

**WASHINGTON** <http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature>

**HB1310** - AN ACT Relating to the enforcement of animal health laws; amending RCW 16.36.050, 16.36.010, 20.01.610, and 20.01.380; adding new sections to chapter 16.36 RCW; recodifying RCW 16.36.092; and prescribing penalties

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1310.pdf>

**HB2511** - AN ACT pertaining to pet dealers; adding new chapter to TILE 18 RCW (."Pet dealer" means any person, business, or other entity, including pet breeder, that sells more than twenty animals or three litters, whichever is greater, in a twelve-month period) (Companion bill SB6408)

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2511&year=2008>

**HB2547** - AN ACT Preventing cruelty to canines, changes definitions of care and addresses dog fighting

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2547.pdf>

**HB2836** - AN ACT Relating to protecting animals from perpetrators of domestic violence; and amending RCW 26.50.060

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2836.pdf>

**HB2861** - AN ACT regarding Dangerous Dogs

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2861&year=2008>

**HB2945** - AN ACT Relating to the wrongful injury or death of a companion animal; amending RCW 4.24.320; and adding a new section to chapter 4.24 RCW

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2945.pdf>

**SB6315** - AN ACT Relating to wolf-hybrids; and amending RCW 16.30.010

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6315&year=2008>

**SB6408** - AN ACT pertaining to pet dealers; adding new chapter to TILE 18 RCW.(Companion bill HB2511)

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6408&year=2008>

**SB6735** - AN ACT Relating to dog purchaser protection; and adding a new section to chapter 19.86 RCW

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6735.pdf>

**Pierce County - Tacoma** - County officials want to impose tougher rules on vicious pets, proposing a \$500 annual fee for owning a dangerous animal, higher insurance requirements and tougher penalties for violations. The proposal would make failing to comply with some violations punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$5,000 fine

**Walla-Walla** - proposed changes to the city's animal code put more teeth into the city's ability to deal with animal complaints, particularly with aggressive dogs at large. Proposed changes prohibit wolf hybrid dogs in town, adding some for potentially dangerous dogs gives the new code enforcement officer greater discretion in deciding whether a dog's behaviors were aggressive or not, based on a case-by-case basis, raising the annual license fee for all unneutered and unspayed dogs from \$20 to \$35. Impound fees would go up and owners would start paying a \$20 a day boarding fee. Under the proposed new codes, owners of potentially dangerous dogs would have to register them. Within 30 days, they would have to pay an initial registration fee of \$125, microchip the dog, spay or neuter it (if it's not already spayed or neutered), submit two photos of the dog with its owner, get a secure enclosure with a sign warning the dog is potentially dangerous and show proof of liability insurance for personal injury in an amount not less than \$100,000. Every year, the owner would have to pay a \$75 license fee for such dogs.

### COMMUNICATION DAYS

Ann Elders

Colleen Aldrich introduced two groups of members and their dogs (16 people & 15 dogs) to Intuitive Canine Communication on Saturday and Sunday, February 23 & 24 at the home of Ann Elders. In addition to our members, we were delighted to meet Kevan and Elizabeth Snowbarger and their two dogs that have just moved to Washington from North Carolina.

Colleen introduced us to the basic concept of intuition that is a function of the right side of the brain and gave us a "test" to see how much we allow intuition into our lives and our ability to use it. Exercises can help develop intuition. The four main ways of sending information intuitively are: talking out loud, thinking your message, sending a picture, and sending a feeling. To receive information intuitively one must let go of the logical mind, resist making assumptions, not censor, record, and assume that animals are as intelligent and emotionally complex as people. The keys to animal communication are belief and practice.

It was an interesting, challenging mental exercise. Colleen offers this class periodically at Vi Miere in Woodinville. She also offers private communication sessions for you and your animals. For further information you may contact Colleen at [bluehealerc@juno.com](mailto:bluehealerc@juno.com) or (425) 335-5611.

### FROM THE STACKS

Ann Elders

We have some new items in the library:

**DVD – Canine CPR: Know how to respond quickly.** Arlington Heights, IL: Canine Academy of Dog Grooming Arts, nd.

Instructions include: Definition of cardiopulmonary arrest; Assessment of the dog; Preparing the dog for CPR; Demonstration of breathing and compression techniques for one or two people; Benefits of learning canine CPR.

Pils, Ingeborg. **Cooking for your dog.** Bath, UK: Parragon Books Ltd., nd.

Recipes in this book include tasty treats and meals, food to keep them fit and healthy, recipes for sick, convalescents, for stomach and digestion, and for constipation. All of the recipes were put together with advice from veterinary surgeons and tried out on different dogs. It includes appetizing pictures and adorable dogs (though not as adorable as our kees). Donated by Rebecca Severance.

### PCKC FUN DAY

Penny LaFleche

Don't forget – the PCKC Fun Day is April 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 to 3:00 There will be health information, grooming demonstrations (maybe Becky will show us how to do feet again!) Intro to Rally and course run-throughs will be offered three times during the event by Pawsabilities personnel.

Pawsabilities Dog Training Center  
1007 Industry Drive, Tukwila, WA

Bring your lunch, dog water, folding chairs and crates or X-pens if you've got them. Some things to remember:

- . Keeshonden and children are to be under parental / guardian control at all times.
- . You are responsible for poop and scoop duties for your Kees.
- . Members of PCKC are not responsible for any injuries or damages to persons, animals, or property of anyone attending this event.

# KEES ON THE LOOSE

## FUN THINGS

March 23	*Paw and Pole	Ketchum, ID	Warm Springs Golf Course
March 28	Reigning Cats and Dogs Chocolate Festival	Spokane, WA	
March 29 & 30	*Pet Expo	Vancouver, BC	Abbotsford Tradex
March 29	*Puyallup Daffodil Festival Mutt Show	Graham, WA	Pierce County Fair Grounds
March 30	*K-9 Carnival	Friday Harbor, WA	San Juan County Fair
April 11-12	*Whistler Dog Fest	Whistler B.C.	
April 19 & 20	*Northwest Pet & Companion Fair	Portland, OR	Portland Expo Center
May 10?	*Balloonsday Fun Run	Walla Walla, WA	
May 31	*Petapalooza	Auburn, WA	Game Farm Park
May -TBA	*Washington Family Pet Expo	Seattle, WA	Qwest Field

\* = Bring your dog along!

## KEES ONLY

April 13	PCKC Fun Day/ Intro to Rally	Tukwila , WA	Paws-Abilities
April 26	PCKC Holland Happening Parade	Oak Harbor, WA	
May 6-10	Keeshond Nationals	San Francisco, CA	Crowne Plaza Hotel

## WASHINGTON CONFORMATION SHOWS

March 22 -23	AKC Show	Bremerton, WA
April 5-6	AKC Show	Elma, WA
April 12-13	AKC Show	Moses Lake, WA
April 26-27	AKC Show	Walla Walla, WA

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

May 11	Therapy Dogs International Test	Tukwila , WA	Paws-Abilities
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## THE FIRST HOLLAND HAPPENING PARADE

SueAnne Nelson

Let's set the stage-----The Three Parade Participants:

1. Dorothy Rawson - Lejean's Keeshond (Breeder and owner of CH Lejean's Allan A Dale, CD, ROM. **Register Of Merit** means he sired 10 Champions. Allan was BIS at the NorCal Speciality in 197?. (Sorry - I can't remember the exact year but I remember the entire trip as it was very eventful.) He sired Ch Tryon's Beorn, ROMX owned by Helen Wymore of Mt. Hood Kennel Club. Beorn sired over 50 Champions and has always been one of my all time favorite Kees. My first show bitch, Sha-nee was bred to Beorn and produced 2 of his 50 Champions.

2.. A twelve week old male puppy - Breeder/Owner - Ray & Dorothy Rawson

3. SueAnne Nelson - Keeshonden V Ryndam

I met Ray & Dorothy in 1967 at the first Evergreen Keeshond Club meeting I attended. The meeting

was held at the Olympic Kennel Club Show in Renton at Boeing Field. Ray, Dorothy, Skip & I became good friends and in 1977 Skip & I purchased our 4.2 acres from Ray & Dorothy and for the next 15 years we added neighbors to our "friends" moniker. I don't remember the actual year, but believe it was way back in the Evergreen Keeshond Club years which predated PCKC. I received a phone call from Dorothy who said Ray was planning on today being "Pig Kill Day" at their place so she wanted to get away for the day. She said she had looked in the paper and saw that there was a Dutch Festival going on in Oak Harbor and did I want to go? I said sure and off we went. On the way Dorothy said she had contacted someone in the festival and was told we could participate in the parade if we wanted to. She had brought the puppy, water, puppy chow, wire crate & dolly just in case. We stopped along the way and purchased a roll of colored crepe paper to decorate the crate and a sheet of poster board in which we printed the club's name and we were set!

We got there and were assigned a parade number and off we walked/marched. We set the walking style that is still used today, walking back and forth from one side to

the other so the folks could see and pet the puppy. Finally we took the puppy out and he strutted his stuff for the spectators and the judges. We discovered that parade participants could set up at the local high school to promote their sponsor and do a Meet and Greet with the public. We decided against that as the puppy was pretty well pooped and all petted out. However, while we were speaking with one of the parade officials, we learned we had won 2nd place in both the Non-Profit Floats and Marching Units categories as they weren't sure what we were! There may have only been 2 entries in each group - but we three had a great time!

Well we proudly presented our ribbons at the next club meeting and voted to become a force in the next parade. The following year we had a huge turnout and took advantage of the Meet and Greet at the high school to promote the Keeshonden. From ECK TO PCKC, the clubs have not missed a year since!

Dorothy & Ray have traveled all around the US and now make their home in Sunnyside, WA. Last year they showed up at the PCKC Specialty and as we reminisced, we got another good laugh out of our first Oak Harbor parade.

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### PUBLICATION DATES

January	Close January 10 mail January 15 Annual Awards
March	Close March 10 mail March 15 Topic Open
May	Close May 10 mail May 15 Holland Happening
July	Close July 10 mail July 15 Topic Open
September	Close September 10 mail September 15 Specialty Recap and Annual Award Application
November	Close November 10 mail November 15 Topic Open

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