

# The Bulletin of the Pacific Crest Keeshond Club

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## Specialty Results and Award Application

### 2008 SPECIALTY PICTURES

Linda Hall & Mike Hall



## 2008 SPECIALTY RESULTS

Ann Elders

Specialty 2008 dawned sunny and warm—Hot. We appreciated the extra canopy that OKC provided in the ring in the hot sun. The entries were superb, and the Altered class gave us a chance to share in the joy of keeshonden – our loving pets. We had a 3 point major in bitches and 4 in dogs.

### **SWEEPSTAKES**

#### **Best In Sweepstakes**

Cascadia Once In A Blue Moon (12-18 Dog)  
Rachel Johnston / Helen Wymore

#### **Best of Opposite Sex To Best In Sweepstakes**

Keesrich Get Up N Go Dreamkees (9-12 Bitch)  
Sharon Berlinguette / Gail Riches

#### **Altered Companion Sweepstakes**

Kaia  
Elisa Browning

### **CONFORMATION**

#### **Best of Breed**

Ch Rickees Diamond Stud - Esther Carr

#### **Award of Merit**

Ch Windjamr's Winward Isle RN  
Anita Williams, Robin Skinner

#### **Best of Winners**

Shamrock's Captain Stormalong (6-9 Month)  
Bill & Wanda Milwee

#### **Best of Opposite Sex**

Ch Keesrich Gone With The Win  
Gail Riches

#### **Winners Dog**

Shamrock's Captain Stormalong

#### **Reserve Winners Dog**

Wyndjamr's Sea Bourne (6-9 Month)  
Robin Skinner, Bonnie Larsen, Lyle Denning

#### **Winners Bitch**

Allante's Holly Go Lightly (12-18 month)  
Helen Wymore, Alan Leff

#### **Reserve Winners Bitch**

Windrift's Win Win.com (Open)  
Joanne Reed, Esther Carr

#### **Best Puppy**

Shamrock's Captain Stormalong

#### **Best Bred By Exhibitor**

Shamrock's Practical Magic (Bitch)  
Shannon Kelly, Sue Ritchie

#### **No Veteran, No Obedience**

## SPECIALTY THANKS

Ann Elders

It takes a team to make a specialty. I would like to thank all the members and exhibitors who helped with specialty and who participated.

True Keepers of the Kees – SueAnne Nelson and Robin Stark (our judges)

The Exhibitors

Beth McKinney – Show Secretary

Bill & Betty Johnston & Linda Hall for hosting the judges

Linda Hall for all the fantastic trophies

Richard Wilhite – Steward

Jan Bundsen & Penny Lafleche– Premium & Catalog

Joan Summers & crew for the Luncheon

Linda Norton – Emergency Coordinator

Set-up crew –Linda Peterson, Laura Lenci, & Becky Severance

Betty Johnston & Linda Peterson for helping with thank you notes

Trophy donors

Olympic Kennel Club and Enumclaw Expo Center

Terri Packard of Callisto Ribbons

Thank you. We couldn't have a specialty without you.

## DUES REMINDER NOTICE

Ann Elders

**2008-2009 Dues Notices** were mailed by July 15. They must be returned by September 30, 2008. Included on the notice are places to donate to the Trophy and Rescue Funds. Trophy Fund donations help pay for the Specialty Trophies, supported entries, club awards, and donations for KCA national trophy donations. Rescue funds are used for Keeshond rescue work. This may include veterinary services for rescue dogs, transport, and other expenses that may occur in the rescue of dogs. Information on the forms is for the club directory. Please give us your preferred contact information. Breeders who wish to be included on the breeder referral list should indicate that on the appropriate line. To reduce club mailing costs, you may also choose to receive your Minutes and Bulletins via the website. The completed form with your check should be mailed to:

Pacific Crest Keeshond Club  
C/O Ann Elders, Treasurer  
21334 105<sup>th</sup> Place SE  
Kent, WA 98031

## MEET THE KEES

Penny LaFleche

Mark your calendars to join us on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> for Gig Harbor's Sixth Annual Harbor Hounds Walk the Town. PCKC will be hosting a "Meet the Kees" breed booth there which will fulfill our AKC education requirement.

The event itself will be a fun, leisurely two mile walk along the waterfront in the beautiful historic fishing village of Gig Harbor and will raise money for the Prison Pet Partnership and the Humane Society. There will be a variety of entertainment, contests, demonstrations, expert advice, pet information, vendors, food, and loads of tail-wagging fun. If you plan to do the walk, the donation is \$10/dog and you will receive a bandana and "Wag Bag" of goodies.

Please plan to join us and help us set up and man the booth. We will need several dogs at the booth at all times, and the event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will also need some of our members there answer questions about the breed –or just come hang out with us!

For more information: [www.harborhounds.com](http://www.harborhounds.com)

## KCC & KCBC SHOWS

Cindy Upward

We would like to invite everyone to The Keeshond Club of Canada's National Specialty on October 31, 2008 and The Keeshond Club of BC's Regional Specialty to be held on November 1, 2008 in conjunction with the Lower Mainland Dog Fanciers of BC's 3 All-breed Championship shows and Group 6 Limited Breed show. That's 6 shows for Keeshonden in one venue over 4 days starting on October 30 to November 2, 2008. Great opportunity to start on that Canadian title. Obedience and Rally Obedience trials are also offered by the Lower Mainland Dog Fanciers. Judges include - KCC National Specialty - Stephanie Rickard, Australia - KCBC Regional Specialty - Javier Sanchez, Spain/Finland - Group 6 Limited Breed show, Phillip Kersey, New Zealand - Lower Mainland DF judges, Jack Ireland, Canada, Ricardo Torre-Simoes, Brazil and Luis Pinto Teixeira, Portugal.

For those who do not know the criteria for obtaining a Canadian Title: In order for a dog to be recognized as a Canadian Champion the dog must (a) earn at least 10 championship points under at least 3 different judges: and (b) be individually registered in the records of the CKC or have a CKC ERN (Event Registration Number) and (c) have earned at least one 2 point (major) win either at the breed or group level. More information and entry forms can be obtained on the Show Secretary's website [www.bcdogshowservicesltd.ca](http://www.bcdogshowservicesltd.ca) Entries close on October 9 at 5PM .Hope to see you there

Cindy  
Pawstep Keeshonden  
[www.pawstepkees.com](http://www.pawstepkees.com)

## OFFICERS 2008 - 2009

Ballots due in September 21

Slate is:

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**Joan Summers**  
**Linda Hall**  
**Ann Elders**

## PCKC LIBRARY

Ann Elders

**The Library is housed at the home of Ann Elders.**

The database of titles in the library is posted on the Members Only section of the website. Contact Ann Elders if you would like to borrow a copy. Books may be picked up at a meeting, or we will make other arrangements. Some of these books are irreplaceable. Members are responsible for returning them in a timely manner or will be held financially responsible for loss or damage.

## ATTENTION NEW TITLE HOLDERS FOR 2008

Penny LaFleche

We would like to start displaying photos of all PCKC dogs that have earned any title or certificate this year on the Club's website and/or bulletin. We would like to go retro back to the beginning of 2008- so if your dog has received a title, we would love for you to send us an official picture of the event and a second nice picture of the dog. We'll also need the dog's name, call name, owner's name, breeder, title, and month the title was received.

Please send them to Penny at [lafleccp@earthlink.net](mailto:lafleccp@earthlink.net)

Thank you. We look forward to showing off our beautiful PCKC dogs for the whole world to see!

## 2008 AWARDS

Editor

The PCKC award form is attached to this Bulletin. If your dog has won an award this year please fill out the form and send it in by November 1 to have your dog recognized at the annual Christmas Party.

## GROUP REALIGNMENT

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**GROUP REALIGNMENT - AN OVERVIEW**

By Marieann Gladstone  
AKC Realignment Committee, Secretary  
(As Published in Perspectives, the Delegates Newsletter, Sept 2008)

Dog shows had their early beginnings in England in the mid 1850's. Fanciers were hunters and primarily

exhibited Pointers and Setters. County fairs held competitions for Foxhounds. Toy and terrier breeds competed at the local pubs and taverns. Eventually, classifications of Sporting and Non-Sporting were decided. Often a dog was entered in Sporting in one show, and then Non-Sporting at a different show.

Time brought on other changes. In the early 1900's in the US, divisions were made into: Large Dogs, Medium-Size Dogs, Small-Size Dogs, and Cage Dogs. This system was certainly helpful for the bench-show system. By 1925, five groups were organized: Sporting, Working, Terrier, Toy, and Non-Sporting Group. In December 1930, the Sporting Group was divided into Sporting Group and Sporting Group (Hounds). Hounds basically hunted non-feathered prey. In 1937, the Sporting Group (Hounds) became the Hound Group.

In October 1982, the Board of Directors appointed a study committee to review and make recommendations regarding the alignment of breeds into the Group. That committee (consisting of delegates and non-delegate judges, and a Board member) made various recommendations to the then seated Board; one of which was the splitting of the Working Group and in 1983, a seventh group, the Herding Group was official.

Since that time, more breeds have continually been added to AKC registry and gradually accepted into one of the seven groups. New breeds are still being added and it is projected that, in a few years, the size of our current Groups will be unmanageable. As of this writing, about two dozen FSS breeds are actively involved with the process of recognition for either a Group or Miscellaneous group status, with more constantly starting the process. This has caused the topic of realignment to be of gradually heightening concern for the past half dozen years.

Recently, a "special attraction" competition of the Northern Breeds Group held in the Pacific Northwest met with great success and positive feedback. This is indicative of how, managed correctly, change in Group makeup can be both helpful and accepted.

The AKC Board of Directors, at its October 2007 meeting, appointed an exploratory Group Realignment Committee "To evaluate the current alignment of breeds within the seven variety groups to determine if a different alignment would better serve the Sport now and in the future as new breeds become registrable."

This committee consists of: Tom Davies, Chairman; Marieann Gladstone, Secretary; Karen Burgess, Robert Fisher, Tim James, Dr. Alvin Krause, Dr. William Newman, John Nielson, Dr. Robert Smith, Robin Stansell, and R. William Taylor.

If you look at the make-up of this committee, you should notice that the membership of 11 is made up of not only 6 AKC Delegates and two Board members, but also a Canadian breeder/exhibitor/judge, two AKC Staff, all-round judges and a Superintendent. Committee members have backgrounds in judging, professional

handling, and show chairing. Obviously all have been involved in the process of breeding and exhibiting for many, many years. Its members live in the East, West, North, and South and across the border and collectively they represent centuries of sport involvement. The fancy was well represented on this committee, such that they can be reasonably assured that valid and helpful conclusions will be achieved about the realignment of our Groups.

There is a great deal of misinformation being discussed among the fancy as to just what the Realignment Committee is doing and what its powers are. We (like the 1983 Realignment Committee) are an AKC Board appointed committee and as such, are mandated to report our conclusions to the Board.

We have suggested an increase in the number of Groups from seven to ten. We will not mandate the division of breeds within the Groups. We have made several recommendations thus far, and have queried the Parent clubs of those breeds that may be affected. We will be relying on those Parent Clubs to give us their input on our initial recommendations. Our final recommendation will, for the most part, consider that input.

Groups are generally organized by similar function, size or structure. We have suggested the formation of a "Northern" Group which will consist primarily of the Spitz type dogs, along with a few closely related breeds. This Group is not entirely based on function (some pull - Siberian & Samoyed and others hunt - Elkhound & Finnish Spitz, for example), but perhaps a bit more on form.

One of our other suggestions will be the split of two groups, one of which is the Hound Group. The logical split will be into sight and scent hounds. The second is the Sporting group. Again, a logical split is into Pointers & Setters, and the other being the Retrievers & Spaniels. In each case, which breed goes where is obvious in most cases, not so obvious in others.

Additionally, we have dropped the Non-Sporting group designation, and replaced it with a Companion Group. It will consist of primarily medium sized breeds whose principle function is as a companion. Remember, in the beginning, "Non-Sporting" referred to a dog that was not a gun (or hunting) dog. Today, it carries an entirely different connotation.

Our discussions were not always in agreement, there has been different viewpoints, but we are working together to come up with something that will make sense to the realignment. Whatever the result, it is obvious that everyone cannot possibly be completely satisfied. We believe those with an open mind and with a strong concern for the welfare and strength of our sport will see that our proposals will succeed. This will be especially true if we can all manage to keep the "what's good for ME" personal agenda out of the discussion. How one breed in a Group affects another

breed in the Group is not one of our issues, nor is it a consideration of this committee.

Of course, a major change of this nature has a domino effect to other issues and those issues will need to be addressed. For example, we have been assured that the Superintendents expect to have only relatively simple software issues to handle.

The time factor of judging Groups was discussed and it was felt that this could be handled with proper scheduling of breeds and judging groups earlier in the day. Some have commented, "10 GROUPS! We will be here till dark doing Groups!" Yes, there would be more groups, but there will be fewer dogs in each group. Scheduling breed judging will be critical and being able to start a Group a half hour after the judging of those breeds will keep the show moving along.

What about judges? The committee will address recommendations to the Judges Department, including judges being tested to be approved for breeds in a newly formed Group. This is already done with adjunct breeds. Hound Group Judges now will suddenly be approved for two Groups, as would Sporting Group judges!

Certain breeds have already shared their questions and concerns with the committee. The opinions of these parent clubs and club members are very welcomed. Among the questions the committee discussed are:

Italian Greyhound: It is a true sighthound? Does it belong in that Group?

Should they be standing with the Greyhound, Whippet, etc?

Basenji: Is it a sighthound? Does it belong in another group? Which one?

Bulldog: Some have suggested that it belongs in the Working Group.

Dalmatian: Some have suggested that it belongs in the Working Group. Stand the Dalmatian, the Rhodesian Ridgeback and the Pointer in a row - do they belong together?

Rhodesian Ridgeback: Is it a hound? Does it belong in the Working Group? Or even the Sporting Group next to the Pointer?

Pembroke Welsh Corgi: It is from Spitz background, so Northern Group or Herding?

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel: Companion or Toy?

Miniature Schnauzer: Does it belong with the other two Schnauzers? They are distinctly different breeds, yet are similar in appearance and phenotype.

Shih Tzu: Companion or Toy?

Poodle: Does the Standard belong in the Sporting Group?

And WHAT DO WE DO WITH VARIETIES???

In the early years of dog show competition, some breeds were divided into varieties for competition. Today, AKC does not permit breed separation into varieties. There were so many Cocker Spaniels being exhibited that they were divided into varieties based on color. Should so many Cocker Spaniels compete in the same Group against other Sporting Dogs, based merely on their color?

The 1983 Realignment Committee suggested that the various Varieties compete amongst themselves to select a single Best of Breed and that dog would go to its particular group. For example, if the 3 Poodle Variety winners were judged to select one Best of Breed, only that one BOB Poodle would go to the Group. The Fox Terriers went the route of becoming separate breeds – a Wire Fox Terrier and a Smooth Fox Terrier are both represented in the Terrier Group. We have the two Collie varieties, the Manchester's, the Dachshunds, etc etc. All this is for consideration, but each as a separate issue.

These are all questions that this Committee is asking you to consider and give input! We hope that you will share your questions and ideas with us while the committee's work is still ongoing.

One additional point to mention: When the Herding Group was formed, the record indicates that certain breeds that may have been slighted in the larger, and very competitive Working Group finally gained recognition with awards in their new Group. The Belgian breeds, the Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Australian Cattle Dog, and other Herding breeds now earned quality recognition. This will happen again with the Realignment of the Groups. More of the lesser-known breeds will gain their rightful recognition.

With ten Group winners competing, there will be more ribbons and rewards and more people happy at the end of the day. Why give out only 7 Group Winner when 10 Group Winners can result as well? If 10 Groups are competing for Best in Show, should we also reward a Reserve Best in Show?

The Committee has and will continue to welcome input from those most affected breeds and indeed from the entire fancy before our final recommendation is brought to the Board of Directors and any final report will be brought to the Delegate body for a vote. We all survived the formation of the Herding Group rather well and we will survive another realignment, which should also freshen and revitalize the sport.

It is evident that our history that our sport is ever-changing, and keeps up with the time. Will you be part of it? Will you cast your vote to improve the sport we love and to which we devote so much of our time?

The committee welcomes your input, which can be directed to Jim Crowley ([jax@akc.org](mailto:jax@akc.org)) or to any of the members of the committee.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Editor

The Club is looking into the following items. If you have input concerning any of them, please contact one of the Board members and voice your opinion. The strength of a club lies in its membership so pick a topic or two and join in.

1. Club Awards – The Club is looking into adding titles other than AKC titles to the award list. Look for more information in the fall.
2. A committee is needed to go over guidelines for rescue and update them. If you are interested, please volunteer.
3. We have put together a new breeders list. The club is looking into ways to address the Breeders who are not members of PCKC. Should we require them to sign our Breeders Code of Ethics and maybe pay a fee for the referral? This will be discussed in the fall.
4. **Harbor Hounds** is a celebration for dogs in the Gig Harbor area. We will participate in the parade this year and also do a meet the breed booth.

## 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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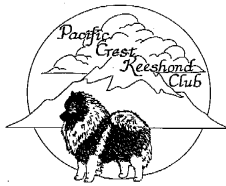
# KEES ON THE LOOSE

## Conformation Shows

July 26 -27	AKC SHOW	Sequim, WA	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Aug 15 -16 - 17</b>	<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>Enumclaw, WA</b>	
July 19 -20	AKC SHOW	Portland, OR	
Aug 30 - 31	AKC SHOW	Longview, WA	
Aug 24	AKC SHOW	Samamish, WA	
Sept 27 - 28	AKC SHOW	Richland, WA	
Sept 13 -14	AKC SHOW	Wenatchee, WA	
Sept 20 - 21	AKC SHOW	Shelton, WA	

## Fun Things (and lots of them this time)

Jul 12	Sumner, WA	Mutts Off Main	Heritage Park
Jul 26	Lakewood, WA	Dog-a-Thon	Ft. Steilacoom Park
Aug 2	Des Moines, WA	Pet Festival	Beach Front Park
Aug 3	Tacoma, WA	Woofstock	Todd Field U.P.S.
Aug 8	Seattle, WA	MuttMazing Race	South Lake Union
Aug 16 -17	North Bend, WA	Mardi Cause Pet First Aid	Seattle Humane Society
Jul 17	Bellevue, WA	Workshop	Ecotrust Building
Jul 19	Portland, OR	Pets in the Pearl	Magneson Park
Sep 6	Seattle, WA	Pawswalk	Fort Borst Park
Sep 13	Centralia, WA	Timberland Valley	
Sep 21	Spokane, WA	Valleyfest	
Sep 27	Gig Harbor, WA	Harbor Hounds	Downtown
Sep 27	University Place, WA	Dog Fest	Downtown



## **PCKC CLUB AWARD RULES AND APPLICATION**

The awards are to be awarded annually at the Club Christmas party to members who have received AKC, CKC, or UKC title(s) on their Keeshond(en) during the preceding calendar year. The awards will be mailed to members earning an award who are unable to attend the Christmas party.

1. Any or all titles must be received while a member of PCKC.
  2. Dogs must be owned or co-owned and trained and/or shown by a PCKC member.
  3. Awards are to be given only on proof of having received the title(s). (Photocopy of AKC, CKC, and/or UKC certificate)
  4. AKC, CKC, or UKC verification of title(s) and completed award application are to be submitted to the Awards Chairman no later than November 1.
  5. An award will be presented for the initial title earned by a member. Each additional title will be represented by a wood mounted engraving plate fixed to hang from the bottom of the award.
  6. Club Award rules and application will be published in the July/August and September/October issues of the Bulletin. Applications will be available from the Awards Committee.
  7. The award will be of wood. On each award will be a Keeshond head medallion and an engraving plate.
  8. The award will be engraved with the dog's registered name and the title earned at the Club's expense according to Rule 1 above.
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### **APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL CLUB AWARD**

*(Use one form for each Club Award. Please print.)*

Owner of dog: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Registered owner)

Registered name of dog completing title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dog's call name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex of dog (circle) M F

Title earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of AKC certificate or verification from AKC: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of CKC certificate or verification from CKC: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of UKC certificate or verification from UKC: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this application to: Linda Patterson, Club Awards  
3009 NE 9th Street  
Renton, WA 98056