

# The Bulletin of the Pacific Crest Keeshond Club

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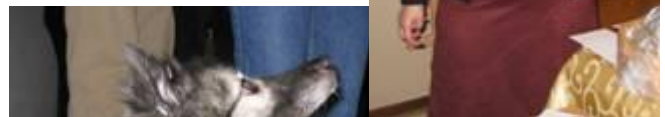


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## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Joan Summers





The holiday party this year was a great success. With the threat of bad weather everyone braved the elements and came to the Lenses' for lots of Christmas cheer. The food was great and the Lenses' decorated their lovely home even though they were traveling for the holiday.

This year we started our auction action with our very first online auction. With support from our members we were able to raise \$200.00. That combined with our traditional verbal and silent auctions netted a grand total of \$786.00. The hot items were of course the handmade Kees items from Linda Hall. She is always coming up with great ideas for Kees collectables.

The PCKC board would to thank all the members who participated in this years fund raiser. Because of your generous support we will continue our rescue efforts, provide a special health day, fun day activities and sponsor our 12<sup>th</sup> Specialty.

We look forward to seeing you at club activities this coming year. Check the website for dates of upcoming events.

Happy New Year

Linda P, Penny, SueAnne, Gayle, Joan, Linda H., & Ann



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Linda Peterson

I am looking forward to this year and all the activities that we have planned for Keeshonden and their families. I hope that many of you will be able to join us in these activities.

## PUBLICATION POLICY

At the last PCKC general meeting it was decided that we would place meeting minutes, treasurer's report and bulletins on the website instead of mailing them. When new items appear on the website a blanket email will be sent out to all members. The bulletins appear on the main website and the treasurer's report and meeting minutes can be seen on the "members only" link.

If you are unable to view these items on the website or you would still like to have them sent to you by US mail please let Joan Summers know. The cost of printing and postage has continued to rise and using the website will allow us to use the money saved for rescue and special programs.

## SPECIALTY

Ann Elders

Specialty 2009 is scheduled for Friday, August 14 at the Enumclaw Expo Center in Enumclaw, WA. At this point the paperwork is at AKC for Approvals. We will post further information on the club website upon receipt of approval from AKC.

Linda Hall is planning trophies for our show and for the Olympic Kennel Club Supported Entries on the same weekend.

Please plan to join us for a great weekend of shows.

For more information contact Ann Elders, Specialty Chair: [a.elders@att.net](mailto:a.elders@att.net)

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## PCKC LIBRARY

Ann Elders

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

A revised edition of the library database has been placed on the Members Only section of the website. Please check it over for items that have been added. 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.

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Linda Peterson

2009

January 25, Sunday, Meeting at Nancy Baggott's home in Seattle

February 22, Sunday, Massage class w/ Vicki Draper at Canine Academy in Woodinville

March 7 or 8, (Sat/Sun) Meet the Breed at Seattle Kennel Club show

March 15, Sunday, Meeting at Ann Elders' home in Kent

April 5, Sunday, Meeting at Penny LaFleche's home

April 25, Saturday, Holland Happening Parade in Oak Harbor

May 17, Sunday, Fun Day at PawsAbilities in Tukwila w/ Delta Society presentation

June 7, Sunday, Meeting at Ann Elders' home in Kent

July, date to be determined, Herding at EweTopia in Roy & Meeting (Linda Hall will schedule)

August 14, Friday, Meeting following the Pacific Crest Keeshond Club specialty in Enumclaw. (discussed possibly having a breed booth set up at PCKC hospitality area)

September 19, Saturday, Meeting and Election at SueAnne's home in Woodinville

September 26, Sunday, Harbor Hounds in Gig Harbor

## WASHINGTON PUPPY MILL

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GOLD BAR -- Brandon Hatch knew his childhood friend liked to be around dogs, lots of dogs, but he was shocked when he stepped into the Gold Bar man's home earlier this month. Roughly 160 dogs were living there in what authorities have described in court papers as "deplorable" and abusive conditions. "When I went into the house you could not walk 12 inches without stepping in a pile of feces or urine," Hatch, a Web developer from Kettle Falls, said Saturday. "There was no room that was sacred. It was the entire house. "Some dogs were locked in small crates. Many roamed at will. Even the attic of the single-story home had been converted into a makeshift kennel. So many dogs were in that space that the ceiling shook when they began to bark and howl.

Hatch said he knew children sometimes slept in that home. When he saw their bed, also befouled by the dogs, he called Child Protective Services. "Right is right. Wrong is wrong. And this is just plain wrong, all

of it," Hatch said. The phone call touched off a multicounty investigation into what detectives have been told is a multimillion-dollar puppy mill operation, court papers show. So far, roughly 600 dogs have been seized. Many of them reportedly received just enough care to keep them able to breed more puppies. Groomers have spent days trying to clean the animals' feces- and urine-matted coats.

Search warrants filed by Snohomish County detectives in the case read like those from a drug investigation. Even before they arrested the Gold Bar man, 37, for investigation of animal cruelty, detectives had determined who owned the property and their history with police.

Sheriff's detective Steve Haley confronted the suspect about the paper trail, and how it appeared to connect him to two sisters from Snohomish, both "well known in Snohomish County for operating illegal and unlicensed kennels for the purpose of mass production of puppies for sale," documents show.

The suspect told Haley he paid his \$2,000 monthly mortgage in cash during meetings with Mary Ann Holleman at a Denny's in Everett, according to court papers.

Although the property records show that Holleman owns the home where the dogs were found, Haley told the man he's convinced the property is actually owned by her sister, Renee Roske, the suspected leader of the puppy-breeding group.

Roske also is the registered owner of Wags 'n' Wiggles, a Snohomish breeding company. Roske "has openly admitted to myself and other deputies over the years that she is a breeder and that this is her sole source of income," Haley wrote in a Jan. 17 search warrant affidavit. When the deputy accused the man of being paid by Roske to care for dogs, he "immediately became very emotional and began crying," Haley wrote.

"He stated that he could be killed for what he was going to tell me. He stated that we were dealing with millions of dollars a year in revenue" for the alleged leader of the group, the deputy wrote.

Reached by phone Monday, Roske said her lawyer advised her not to comment. The investigation continues both in Snohomish and Skagit counties. No charges have been filed.

Hatch, 34, said he's known the Gold Bar man since they were in their teens and both living near Snohomish. The man used to run a landscaping business and often kept dogs as pets, sometimes up to a dozen at a time. Then Hatch said his friend began talking about making money in the dog business. "He told me, 'I make more than \$2 million a year with my dogs. I'm not giving them up.'"

Child Protective Services followed up on Hatch's call and on Jan. 16 alerted deputies. Hatch said his friend called to report that he'd come home, spotted an animal

control officer outside, and just kept going. The man was worried about going to prison, Hatch said. So Hatch encouraged the man to go home and deal with the situation.

The man called later to say that animal control officers had left a notice, warning that he was in violation of county codes for kennels. Hatch said the man asked for help finding property in Eastern Washington, a place with a "big garage" where he could bring 500 dogs. Soon enough, deputies showed up with a search warrant and took the man briefly into custody. There were no children at the Gold Bar home when deputies arrived.

Hatch said he cares about his friend but also feels strongly about animals being cared for properly. He and his wife set up a Web site about the case: <http://www.puppyjustice.com/>

County laws allow up to 25 dogs on a single property with the proper license, Snohomish County Animal Control manager Vicki Lubrin said. Animal control officers took the dogs to the Everett Animal Shelter, where they remain. Police also searched the homes of Roske and Holleman. They found suspected drugs at Roske's and empty dog kennels at Holleman's, according to court papers.

Officials now believe several dogs may have been moved to a Mount Vernon property belonging to Marjorie Sundberg, Roske and Holleman's mother. Sheriff's officials in Skagit County had in the past described Holleman's breeding operation there as a puppy mill, court documents show. Last week, Skagit County deputies effectively shut Holleman down. They removed nearly 450 dogs from the Mount Vernon property. Some of the dogs were diagnosed with coccidiosis, a potentially fatal and contagious intestinal disease.

A few of the Snohomish County dogs showed symptoms, Lubrin said. They were tested and found to have a different problem, giardia, a treatable but contagious parasite. Some media outlets have erroneously reported that nearly four out of five of the rescued dogs are pregnant. On Monday, officials said fewer than 20 of the 600 dogs likely are expecting puppies. "About 40 percent of the dogs are male. Another 30 percent are too young to be pregnant," Skagit County sheriff's spokesman Will Reichardt said.

Some groups, including Pasado's Safe Haven of Monroe, have challenged Snohomish County for not enlisting their help caring for the rescued dogs. The help isn't needed and the dogs are receiving excellent care, Lubrin said Monday. It's also important to keep the dogs in one place as investigators continue to develop a possible criminal case, she said.

In Washington, the distinction between legal breeders and criminal operations is not clear, said Dan Paul, the Washington state director of the Humane Society of the United States. "Those lines are very, very blurry," he

said. Breeders who sell to pet stores and animal research facilities are licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Paul said.

People who sell animals directly to the public are not as tightly regulated. "That's a major loophole," he said. Paul said he is working with state lawmakers to introduce legislation on puppy mills this year. The law, if passed, would put a cap on the number of fertile animals owned by a single breeder. It also would introduce minimum care requirements.

The people under investigation in Snohomish County could face dog and cat license violations and felony animal cruelty and kennel licensing law violations, Lubrin said.

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**HEALTH WARNING**

Editor

I have received several copies of a 2004 email addressing the possible toxicity of several substances including grapes, raisins, chocolate, and onions as well as one that describes the toxic effects of cocoa mulch. The email and an accompanying article is available at Snopes.

<http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/raisins.asp>

Snopes also has cocoa mulch info available at:

<http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoamulch.asp>

**PET HEALTH WARNINGS**

**Pets and Poisons**

[http://www.thepetcenter.com/wai/poi\\_PP.html](http://www.thepetcenter.com/wai/poi_PP.html)

**Human Foods That Poison Pets**

[http://www.petalia.com.au/Templates/StoryTemplate\\_Process.cfm?specie=Dogs&story\\_no=257](http://www.petalia.com.au/Templates/StoryTemplate_Process.cfm?specie=Dogs&story_no=257)

**Chicken Jerky Treats--FDA Warning**

[http://www.fda.gov/cvm/CVM\\_Updates/ComplaintsChicJerky.htm](http://www.fda.gov/cvm/CVM_Updates/ComplaintsChicJerky.htm)

**WASHINGTON SB 5651**

*ES: Received from the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA).*

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is on the march again, this time in Washington State. Emboldened by their victories in winning constitutional rights for pigs in Florida and trashing the egg industry in California, HSUS is now going state to state with legislation that attempts to regulate dog breeding with number limits and draconian engineering standards for kennel facilities. The Washington version is one of the worst of this year's crop.

If passed, SB 5651 would empower an animal control officer "upon receiving a complaint or upon his own motion" to enter premises where animals may be bred or maintained." to investigate violations".

SB 5651 is sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Delvin, Kline and Tom. It was read for the first time on January 28, 2009 and referred to the Judiciary Committee. SB 5651 contains ineffective, unreasonable and unenforceable new regulations that threaten to seriously undermine the ability to keep and breed dogs in Washington. Not surprisingly, it resembles HSUS anti-breeder legislation that has shown up in several other states, including neighboring Oregon.

NAIA supports animal welfare laws that are thoughtfully designed to solve real animal well welfare problems, but SB 5651 offers nothing more than a rebuke of breeders and pet owners who keep more than an arbitrary number of intact dogs.

A summary of Washington SB 5651:

Imposes a 25 dog numbers limit on the possession of intact dogs over 4 months of age.

Treats anyone with 10 or more unaltered adult dogs as a commercial breeder;

Uses the terms puppy mill and commercial breeding interchangeably implying that the number of dogs one possesses determines the status of a breeder;

Requires that breeders with 10 or more intact dogs meet new space, housing and exercise requirements, and mandates new veterinary exams;

Empowers animal control officers to enter premises "upon receiving a complaint or upon his own motion" to investigate violations and inspect breeders books; and

Exempts public shelters, private adoption agencies, veterinarian offices, pet stores, research facilities, boarders and groomers.

Browse to:

<http://capwiz.com/naiatrust/utr/1/OWERJSFWZX/JWBTJSGXNU/2857365481>

to read the full text of this bill.

NAIA strongly opposes Washington SB 5651. Not only is its overall approach misdirected and punitive, its enforcement provisions violate basic privacy rights. SB 5651 blurs the distinction between pet owners, hobby breeders and commercial breeders and claims that possession of an arbitrary number of intact dogs alone makes someone a puppy mill and therefore subject to this bill's provisions. This bill is a glaring example of some of the worst animal legislation currently proposed in the country.

Now is the time for all responsible animal owners in Washington to contact your State Senators with the message that SB 5651 is overzealous and misdirected and must not be allowed to move forward.

While we believe that steps should be taken to identify and eliminate substandard kennels, this bill stretches way beyond that goal and targets all breeders and sportsmen, commercial and hobby, good and bad, on the basis of numbers alone.

Washington has recently proved that its current anti-cruelty laws are capable of closing substandard kennels when they are enforced. At a time of economic hardship mandating new kennel standards that are virtually unenforceable is misdirected and wasteful. There are more effective solutions available to help eliminate substandard kennels, ranging from stronger enforcement of existing cruelty and nuisance laws to educating consumers about how to seek out responsible and humane sources of healthy pets.

Unreasonable laws like SB 5651 simply push bad operators underground while wrapping good pet owners and breeders in red tape - all without raising animal welfare standards.

Please use the talking points below to write an email to your State Senator today, educating them about this bill early in the process, before it receives formal consideration.

Politely let them know that responsible Washington breeders -- dedicated dog lovers with great subject matter expertise and experience raising, breeding, placing, rescuing and training dogs -- are ready to share their knowledge and offer NAI's alternative solutions to more effectively and reasonably address concerns about animal welfare.

Thank you for TAKING ACTION

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## **PETA AND WESTMINSTER**

Libbye Miller DVM

"Adorable mixed breeds" get cancer, epilepsy, allergies, heart disease, and orthopedic problems just like purebreds. I see it every day in my veterinary practice but mixed breed dogs aren't tracked like the purebreds so they have a reputation as "healthier" that is actually undeserved in many cases."

It is so sad that a lot of folks, including young veterinarians these days, buy into the "hybrid vigor" baloney. The vet schools have been infiltrated by the Animal Rights Extremists, who are teaching them this junk science in order to push their agenda.

All animals have a certain amount of genetic load, which is to say there is absolutely no animal without some genetic problem of some sort of another. Know anyone who wears glasses? Has allergies? Thyroid problems? Weak knees? Flat feet? A skin condition?

Arthritis? A gap between their front teeth? These are all genetic imperfections.

No human is genetically "clean." Neither is any individual of any species on earth. So this idea that dogs should not be bred because they might have a genetic problem, and that breeders are somehow "evil" for breeding them, is ridiculous. Every single individual of every single species has at least a few genetic conditions.

To use PeTA's logic, all breeding of all kinds (including having human babies) should halt immediately. And to be honest, Ingrid Newkirk (the woman who founded PeTA) does believe exactly that. She thinks that humans should become extinct, along with dogs, cats, etc. This ridiculous scenario is precisely what she would like to see happen.

So folks, if that is what you want...if you agree with Ingrid Newkirk's whacky views, send your hard earned money to PeTA. They will help to ensure you are not able to own a dog or cat or hamster or any other pet in the future. They will see to it that you can't eat meat or fish or eggs or any type of animal-based nutrition. They will work to shut down places like Sea World, the zoos, etc. so you cannot observe the many wonderful animals on the Earth. Eventually, once they accomplish these things, they may turn their efforts to making it illegal for humans to procreate.

If you don't agree with their extremist views, wise up and start supporting those who truly do love, care for and enjoy interaction with other species here on our little blue planet.

The fanciers of the breeds, those you see exhibiting their dogs at Westminster and other dog shows, work very hard to eliminate serious genetic conditions. They screen their breeding stock with every available test. They research pedigrees before breeding into other lines, to check for similar clearances in those animals. They contribute money to research organizations to further the work being done to track down genetic problems. They contribute blood, cell samples, etc. from their own animals to help with DNA and genome studies. They have made great progress so far, and they continue to work hard at it.

Are there unethical breeders? Certainly, there are. Just as in any group of humans, you will find the good and the bad. United States VP Elect Joe Biden, for example, managed to find a not so good one when he got his new German Shepherd puppy. I don't know who did his research for him, but they obviously didn't do their homework if they were looking for a responsible breeder. Joe has the right to get his dog from whomever he wishes, but if he was trying to set an example of purchasing from a responsible hobby breeder he went off the track this time. That's too bad, but it was his choice.

Unfortunately, breeders like that may be a lot easier to find because of their high volume and high profile. If

you are looking for a nice family pet from a breeder who will be there for you forever, you need to do due diligence. You won't get that from a pet store. You won't get that from the guy selling dogs out of his pickup truck in the WalMart parking lot. You won't get that support from a high-volume breeder, either. Yes, it takes a little more time and effort to find someone who really cares and does all the work to breed the healthiest, happiest puppies possible and then stands behind those puppies.

This is a living being that will be part of your family, hopefully, for many years. Isn't it worth a bit of effort to find a breeder who will be there for you and that puppy forever?

And guess what? Shows like Westminster are a very valuable resource for finding breeders who do care and who use the best possible practices, as well as for learning more about the various breeds.

Bravo to USA Network for broadcasting the Westminster Kennel Club show all these years. May they enjoy continued success through the ongoing inclusion of such programs. I will be eagerly watching this year's show!"

### NEW BOOK

Nancy Kay, DVM

*ED: I have not read this book but, from the reviews and the information on the website, it appears that it might be useful to some pet owners and breeders. If you are interested, check out her website. The following information was received from one of our members and forwarded to me.*

I'm pleased to announce the release of my book, *Speaking for Spot: Be the Advocate Your Dog Needs to Live a Happy, Healthy, Longer Life* (Trafalgar Square Books). My goal in writing it was to teach dog lovers how to navigate the sometimes overwhelming, confusing, and expensive world of veterinary medicine. If you have some room in an upcoming edition of your newsletter, I'd be delighted if you would run a review of *Speaking for Spot*.

Thus far, the book has been wonderfully well received. Claudia Kawczynska, editor-in-chief of The BARK Magazine describes it as "a must-read groundbreaking new book." *The Whole Dog Journal* put *Speaking for Spot* on their list of "Five Ya Gotta Try" in 2009, and behaviorist, Linda Tellington Jones stated, "This book should be in the library of every person who loves her dog. With clarity, charm, and wit, Dr. Kay provides step-by-step guidelines that teach you how to be a responsible and informed advocate throughout your dog's life. It could save you thousands of dollars and give you the tools to prevent the heartache that comes with making uninformed or rushed decisions about your dog's health care."

Please visit [www.speakingforspot.com](http://www.speakingforspot.com) to learn more about me and read excerpts from the book, my blog, and a variety of published magazine articles. Feel free

to use the materials in the attached pdf for a review in your newsletter. The authors have given permission to copy their reviews if you would like. Please contact me with any questions and, if you do publish a review, I would love to receive a copy. Thanks so much for your time.

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### WALK AND TROT

Robin Skinner

If you haven't seen this already, excellent website with video and motion capture on walk and trot in normal, dysplastic and cruciate damaged structure. You can view it from different angles also.

[http://accad.osu.edu/~hcaprett/COTA\\_741\\_sp04/CanineLO\\_090504.html](http://accad.osu.edu/~hcaprett/COTA_741_sp04/CanineLO_090504.html)

*ED: I have examined the website and it provides a nice demonstration of the three gaits. It also provides single frame viewing.*

### EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Jan Bundsen

Sande and I will be out of town for much of the month of March this year so this issue is January and March combined. I have updated the Officers and Committee data. If I have missed any changes, please let me know.

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January  
 Close January 10 mail January 15 Annual Awards  
 March  
 Close March 10 mail March 15  
 May  
 Close May 10 mail May 15 Holland Happening  
 July  
 Close July 10 mail July 1  
 September  
 Close September 10 mail September 15 Specialty  
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