



# *The Bulletin of the Pacific Crest Keeshond Club*

January 2022

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

2022

Board Meeting - February 12th

Fun Day at Argus - March TBD

Board Meeting - April 10th

Fun Day at Linda Shea's -

May/June TBD

Board/General Meeting at Ann  
Elder's - July 24th

PCKC Specialties - August 18th

All meetings and activities can be subject to change. A notice will be sent if there are any changes or additions to the calendar. Additionally the PCKC website will contain the latest dates for scheduled activities

## President's Message – Gayle Garbush

I hope everyone is doing well this winter.

It seems the only constant is change.

These last couple years have been quite challenging in many regards, including a reduction in dog shows and fun activities. We've missed our fun-filled, in-person holiday party the last two Decembers.

Prior to COVID we lost our fun day in Bothell. It was great to have the indoor/outdoor option in case the weather didn't cooperate. We did discover a wonderful fun day location at Linda Shea's place up north in Bow.

The fun day at her place is all outdoors so we're looking for a time when the weather will cooperate.

We've held meetings on Zoom for social distancing. It reduces our socializing a bit, but it's great that it allows members who live further away to be board members and allows more people to attend meetings. It also reminds the board that we need to review and revise some rules to fit our current situation.

It was great to host our PCKC specialties again last August and visit with many PCKC friends. This has changed, too, since we did not have our usual southwest shady corner grouping of RV parking sites. The Sammamish Kennel Club show is now at the Enumclaw site the weekend prior to Olympic Kennel Club and our specialties so the parking arrangements have changed.

But, we still had a group in the south area. Looking forward to our PCKC specialties in Enumclaw again this August. It seems the only constant is change, except for our love for the Keeshond breed and our camaraderie with so many Keeshond owners.

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## New PCKC Members 2021

PCKC would like to introduce our new members in 2021. We are delighted to welcome both those new to the club and those returning to our "furry family" after a lapse. We hope that 2022 and beyond will offer more opportunities to be together.

**Liz McKnight** moved to WA from CA where she was very active in breeding, showing, and club activities. She now lives in Rochester. Liz was a frequent participant in our specialties for many years. Her kennel name is Wildheart.

**Penny & Rich LaFleche** are returning members who had several Kees Champions in the past and a crazy Eskie rescue. They currently breed and show Eurasiers. Currently they live in Tacoma but are moving soon to Shelton.

**William and Merlene Stiles** live in Anacortes with one keeshond and border collie. We were delighted to meet them at the Fun Day in Bow.

**Lynne and Doug Hill** live in Redmond with their Keeshond lady and a Pomeranian. They are returning members. Lynne and her furry girl have been active in agility.

**Stacey Lenes** lives in Auburn. Stacey actually is a long-time member from birth, raised by Keeshonden and her parents George and Rita. She is hoping to get a Keeshond puppy in the next year.

## PCKC 2022 Specialties

PCKC Specialties will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2022 in the afternoon at the Enumclaw Expo Center. We will have 2 specialties and 1 sweepstakes.

Combined Specialty Obedience and Rally will be Friday, August 19. More details will become available after AKC approvals. Rachel Johnston and Ann Elders are currently working on judge contracts and the paperwork to submit to AKC.

Olympic Kennel Club will host 3 days of shows—August 19, 20, and 21. Sammamish Kennel Club will have 3 days of shows the weekend before – August 14, 15, 16 on the same site.

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## Therapy Dog International Visits During Covid Times

**Carol Voelker**

Kona and I have been especially active since last fall. We have visited both UPS and PLU. Especially fulfilling have been our bi-weekly visits to Harborview Medical Center that we started in September 2021. Kona provides stress relief to the staff at the hospital, visiting various nurses stations and other areas on the various floors of the hospital. These visits allowed Kona to get his Novice Therapy Dog title from AKC. KCA sent us a lovely letter with a silver coin in recognition of Kona's new title.



## Therapy Dog International Visits During Covid Times

### Ann Elders

Micah and I have done most of our visits remotely during Covid. We did make one visit to Harborview with the Therapy Dog Pack group in the summer. Kona and Micah enjoyed seeing each other and Micah loved being with all the staff who needed attention. Our Tail-Waggin' Tutors has involved sharing stories on the Mark Twain Elementary School (FW) website with a new story every few weeks. MeMe was always watching too. In August we did go to a staff training day at Mark Twain Elementary—definitely therapy for the teachers and other staff as they prepared for the year. Micah anxiously awaits the opportunity to see his students when we can return to school for visits.



Mark Twain TWT Visits - Virtual



with kids



Staff support

### Harborview Visit – Micah and Kona



## PCKC Rescue Report 1/30/2022 Cathleen Powell, Rescue Chair

Several Keeshonden popped up in rescue in all corners of Washington in January...just none of them with PCKC. Just so you know, when I am notified I always verify that the dog is in no danger of euthanasia and that the shelter is No Kill. WA shelters are moving to a No-Kill/Live Release rate of 90+ percent by 2025 and very few shelters euthanize "for space" or "time is up" any longer. By the time a rescued dog is posted as adoptable it has usually been vetted at the expense of the shelter, personality and rehoming needs assessed, groomed, and often spends time in foster care. With that sort of monetary and time investment, it makes sense to me that the shelter would prefer to do its own placement. You can find their availability shared on the PCKC and Mount Hood Facebook pages and I try to share this information with people who have contacted me wanting a rescued kees.

I always reach out to the shelters to let them know that PCKC Rescue is available if they are unable to place, as well as Craigslist listings to rehome. Most of the dogs that have come into rescue in recent years have come from Craigslist (or networking) with only two that I can think of being shelter transfers and that was 6+ years ago. The fact that there are so few dogs in the NW in rescue speaks to our wonderful legacy breeders doing an excellent job with their puppy buyers and rehoming their older pups.

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N.O. Paws Left Behind Rescue - Oroville, WA [Author](#) [Admin](#)

Update on Vinny... he is doing wonderful in his new home ❤️



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## 2021 Awards

**As Covid restrictions prevented us from presenting 2021 awards, please fill out the Awards Entry form and submit it.**

**Link to application > [Awards Application](#)**

### CLUB AWARDS FOR 2020

The Club Awards Committee are proud to announce the following 2020 Club Award recipients at the 2020 PCKC Holiday Zoom Party.  
Linda Peterson, Dwight Peterson and Pat Shuler, PCKC Club Awards

#### TRADITIONAL AWARDS FOR 2020

***Elisa Browning and Jeff Browning for Cosmo - new AKC Grand Champion***  
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***Elisa Browning and Jeff Browning for Rory - new AKC Champion***  
CH NERADMIK 1ST KISS WITH KALIBER

***Elisa Browning and Jeff Browning for Theo - new AKC Champion***  
CH NERADMIK WHO'S ON FIRST

***Ann Elders for Micah - new AKC Therapy Dog Novice***  
WILD HEART PLATINUM ASSETS OF ARKLOW TDN CGC

***Linda Hall, Barbara Cobean, SueAnne Nelson and Jerry Hall for Artie - new AKC Rally Advanced Excellent***  
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***Linda Hall, Jerry Hall and Shannon Kelly for Monty - new AKC Companion Dog and Agility Fast Novice Preferred, new UKC Rally Obedience 1***  
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***Rachel Johnson for Alyeska - new AKC Champion***  
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***Joan and Robert Summers for Kara - new AKC Beginners Novice***  
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***Joan and Robert Summers for Sherman - new AKC Therapy Dog***  
SUMMERHALL'S SHERMAN OF SEATTLE THD

#### PERFORMANCE AWARD FOR 2020

***Linda Hall, Jerry Hall and Shannon Kelly for Monty - new NADAC Novice Agility Certificate, Novice Jumpers Certificate and Novice Gamblers Certificate***  
SHAMROCK-CEDARHILLS HELLO MY NAME IS INIGO MONTOYA NAC NJC NGC BR-1 HP-N TN-N ICC WV-1 JHD

## Happy News

PCKC sends our very Best Wishes and Congratulations to Nicole Gray and Ryan Shaw who were married on Saturday, February 5 at the Fremont Abbey. Much Happiness for a wonderful life together!



Ryan & Nicole



Cara - Flower Girl



Carey



Lynn Zartman - Happy Mother Kathy - Nancy Baggot

## Spinning Keeshond fur into yarn

Mrs. Fry of the Isle of Wight originally answered an ad placed by Lady Waechter seeking a home in the country for two Keeshonden rescued during the London raids of World War II. It being the war, when wool for knitting was scarce and expensive, Mrs. Fry began to experiment with spinning the coats of her new pets Andy and Ferdie into a thick yarn. It proved warm and water resistant, and Mrs. Fry's husband developed an electric wheel so she could improve her production rates from 1 to 10 ounces an hour. She later performed demonstrations for womens' institutes and professional clubs, and was featured in the newspapers, television, and even the funny pages with her dog fur-spun wool. Mrs. Fry, who spread awareness of the breed far and wide, is pictured here in hat and coat made with wool from the dogs pictured. Though her friend is accompanied by a Great Pyrenees, she too is wearing a coat spun from her Keeshonden.



From the 2018 Keeshond National

A cowl Carol Voelker made from handspun Keeshond yarn that she won at the National



## **Facebook Group**

**PCKC has their own Facebook Group. If you are not already a member please consider joining. Our Facebook Group can be accessed at this link:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/284335928383099>**

For those of you who are already members we want to call your attention to some of the links near the top of the group page, such as Discussion, Events, Media, Files, and Questions. We invite you to check this out and utilize them. We'd love to see some additional content added. If anyone has ideas on how we could better utilize our Facebook page we'd be glad to hear from you.

### ***HEALTH CORNER***

In this issue we focus on Heartworm disease and Leptospirosis. The incidence of heartworm disease continues to rise in Washington State. Leptospirosis has always been a concern but with warmer weather approaching and more of us headed out for hikes it's a good idea to know more about this condition. Please take a look at information shared in these two links to learn more about these health concerns for dogs:

#### **Links**

**[Leptospirosis](#) | ***American Veterinary Medical Association (avma.org)*****

**[Heartworm disease](#) | ***American Veterinary Medical Association (avma.org)*****

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**PCKC CHARTER**

The Pacific Crest Keeshond Club was formed to promote communication among Keeshond owners primarily located in the Pacific Northwest and Washington State

**The objectives of the Club:**

To encourage and promote the quality breeding of pure-bred Keeshonden

To urge members and breeders to do all possible to bring the breed's natural qualities to perfection in accordance with the Standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Keeshonden shall be judged.

To do all in its power to protect and advance the welfare and interests of the breed.

To conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and obedience trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club and through the Club encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials.

**[PCKC Website](https://pckclub.com)**

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