



# Washington State Obedience Training Club

## The Canine Post

### November 2019

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### Prez's Message

It is November and the year 2019 will soon be coming to a close. As the holiday season approaches it is a good time to reflect on the past year and recognize there is much to appreciate about our club.

I appreciate the volunteers, past and present, who have kept this club functioning as an AKC performance event dog club since 1946. I am grateful to every member, those active in club activities and those who have retired from competition dog training but still support the club through membership and shared wisdom.

It is my hope that club members continue to find club events helpful in building their relationship with their dogs. I know that through training my dogs become my close friends. I know that they look forward to training each morning when they run to the car and glance back at me. I see their eyes follow me hopefully around the room waiting for the sign that I am reaching for a jacket and boots, a leash or a whistle to let them know that we will go together and enjoy each other's company. I talk to them while driving to events, "How are you guys doing? Keep your head down I can't see out the back. Do you need a break? We'll stop at the next rest area. Almost there guys..." I know that they have my back when I am staying in a strange motel. We build our close relationship thanks to clubs like WSOTC that encourage as well as test our abilities to work with our dogs.

As has been said many times, our club needs volunteers to chair and work at events. As the year winds down please consider taking on chairing or working at an event you find personally helpful in your journey with your dog. **We are currently looking for a chair for the Fall obedience/rally trials.** These trials have been traditionally quiet and low key but have given the fancy a valuable opportunity to earn titles. If we are to continue with this event we need to get the planning started soon. Certainly training days would be of great use as well as matches. We have two matches in the works for early 2020 and they will both need volunteer help to guarantee success. I know most of you are already making your 2020 plans so please consider working WSOTC events into your busy schedules.

While we are planning 2020 think a little further down the calendar to 2021. This will be our 75th year as a dog club and it is appropriate to celebrate the year! Let's brain storm ideas to give all of our events as well as our membership special recognition throughout our diamond anniversary year.

~Terrie~

## Club Committee & Chairs

- Agility– Nancy Light
- Audit/ Budget– TBD
- Awards - Nancy Light & Holly Krohn
- Hearts & Flowers - Gloria Newby
- Insurance- Sue Cox
- Membership– Susan Mulligan
- Newsletter– Amy Reagan
- 'C' March—Terrie Sato
- Programs—vacant
- Property/inventory - Don Rennick
- Tracking—Marta Brock
- Website—Ane Brusendorff



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## Membership Report

*Susan Mulligan, Chair*

First readings -

Rhonda Forman, applying for Full membership. Her sponsors are Terrie Sato and Nancy Light.  
Laurie Kraft, applying for Full membership

Second Readings -

Jane Pitts applying for Associate Membership  
Allison Clemens applying for Associate Membership

**Please welcome  
Jane Pitts and Alison Clemens who  
were voted in  
as new members**



## *From your Editor*

*I wish to thank all of you for your support and contributions to keep our newsletter alive, viable and informative. It's been truly a pleasure being your Editor for the past 3 years.*

*Please continue to support our new Editor as she takes on the task for 2020!*



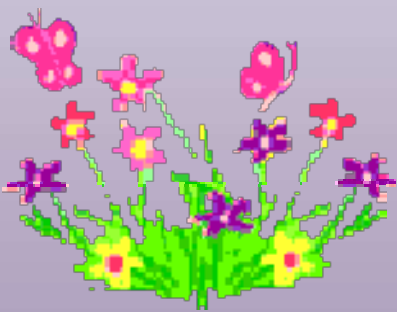
*Happy Training!  
Amy Reagan*

Membership Dues are due.  
Please renew soon!



Awards application are also on the website.

<http://wsotc.org/>



*Hearts and Flowers*  
*Gloria Newby, Chair*

A card was sent to Pat Rennick &  
Sharon Colvin

## **NEXT MEETINGS & EVENTS**

### **Board Meeting**

Dec 30, 2019  
Location—TBD

### **Next General Meeting**

Gig Harbor Kennel Club  
Western Washington Cluster  
Jan 11, 202  
At about Noon in the Pavilion—  
Obedience Bldg.

## WHAT MOTIVATES PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN DOG SPORTS

The following is a summary of two academic studies concerning what motivates people to participate in dog sports. This information was presented to the Board of Directors. It is being made available to AKC clubs for their consideration when deciding how to structure their events/club activities.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In order to grow our sports, having an understanding of what motivates dog owners to participate in sporting events is insightful. Two studies in the canine literature in particular reported findings that are relevant to AKC sports. A recent study, "Dog- Sport Competitors: What Motivates People to Participate with Their Dogs in Sporting Events" explored why people participate in dog sports. The second study, "Exploring the Dimensions of Serious Leisure: "Love me-Love My Dog!" discussed the multiple roles of individuals within dog clubs and the factors related to their involvement. (1)

### **BACKGROUND**

The studies start with a discussion of the nature of motivation and proceed to apply these concepts to dog sports.

#### **Motivation**

Two types of motivation -

Extrinsic motivation – external motivation. For example, to earn a title or reward.

Intrinsic motivation – internal motivation. The satisfaction resulting from gaining knowledge and skill while perfecting one's abilities.

Studies have shown that intrinsic motivation is long lasting and self-sustaining. Dog sport participants scored significantly higher in intrinsic motivation than in extrinsic motivation.

Extrinsic motivation (titles/rewards) has a role in terms of providing participants a publically acknowledged goal.

Achieving this goal results in a sense of confidence and competency, and provides a public symbol of accomplishment.

Factors that are identified as increasing motivation in dog sports –

1. **The Challenge of Improvement:** People are intrinsically motivated when pursuing activities they feel are improving their skills and knowledge. This is best achieved when performance feedback is available (scores, times, mentor comments) and when pursuing goals that are reasonably achievable.
2. **Building a Relationship with Their Dogs:** People are intrinsically motivated if they feel they are building a relationship with their dogs and the dogs enjoy the sport. Participants express this in terms of "fun" or "enjoyable."
3. **Social Interaction:** People are motivated by the satisfaction they feel by interacting with like-minded individuals and helping others by sharing their knowledge. Social aspects are a major determinate of frequency of participation
4. **Physical/Mental Activity:** This factor manifests itself in two ways. (1) The physical/mental aspect of the sport itself. (2) The planning and preparation to attend the event. ("The Adventure" of the event.) Both these aspects are stimulating provided they are within an individual's personal ability.
5. **Recognition:** People are more motivated if their accomplishments are recognized by others.
6. **The Participant Feels a Sense of Control:** People are more motivated when they feel the sport is not subject to factors out of their control or that they have difficulty understanding. They desire feedback that is understandable and reasonably consistent.
7. **Sense of Belonging or Identity:** Many participants desire to express their affinity to a sport or to their breed through the display of symbols.
8. **Broadening One's Dog Knowledge:** In addition to interest in a particular sport, dog owners desire to be knowledgeable on a wide variety of dog related topics.

#### **How Do Dog Owners Get Started?**

Through the involvement of friends or family.

Desire to enrich their dog's life. A common pattern was when new dog owners enroll in a training class and then realize that they gain satisfaction from working with their dog or they owned a particularly talented dog. This resulted in these owners joining a club where they hoped they could continue the self-development of both themselves and their dog.

#### **Types of Individuals Involved in Dog Sports**

1. Beginner: Just starting out in the sport of dogs. They seek out advice from experienced participants. Ease of entry is important and involves a number of factors -

Cost of equipment.

Understanding of the rules.  
Amount of training required.  
Willingness of club members to share knowledge.  
Social acceptance.

2. Participant: Developing their skills in dog activities. Participants are usually also club members but see the club as a means to gain knowledge.
3. Active club member: Organizer, leadership, volunteer. Usually become more involved with the club after they have participated for a period of time. Then they become both a participant and an active club member. Supporter: Support because of spouse's interest. Usually do not participate themselves but help with club activities.
5. Associate: Have achieved a level of skill and accomplishment that provides personal satisfaction. Their involvement has moved away from participation with their dogs in the sport yet they maintain their association through other roles.

### **Factors Limiting Involvement**

The following limiting factors were identified:

- Monetary costs (training costs, travel costs, cost of entry)
- Time constraints
- Physical/Health constraints
- Negative emotional experiences
  - The inhibition of the unknown
  - Uncomfortable social interactions

### **Conclusion**

The majority of dog sport participants are motivated by the gratification they receive from the activities associated with developing their skills and their dog's skills, achieving their personal goals and the pleasure of social interactions associated with a sport. The degree of involvement is limited by the costs associated with their participation.

### **WHAT CAN CLUBS THAT ADMINISTER DOG SPORTS LEARN FROM THESE STUDIES?**

1. Within the limitations of the sport and club resources, considering how the motivation factors interact with the five types of individuals involved in the club when structuring an event or deciding on the activities of the club.
2. If the sport allows, clubs should consider holding events for novice level only to promote a friendly experience for new participants.
3. Packaging an event with other activities (CAT, dock diving, CGC, etc) can serve to make the event experience more enjoyable and attract new participants.
4. "Show and Go" events can contribute to the growth of members skills while reducing time costs.
5. Mentorship is important for transferring knowledge to new members.
6. Social activities are important.
7. Clubs can retain members by providing classes/outings on a variety of dog related topics in order for owners to be knowledgeable.
8. Recognize the accomplishments of club members.

Dog-Sport Competitors: What Motivates People to Participate with Their Dogs in Sporting Events? Jocelyn Farrell, Ashley Hope, Rodney Hulstein and Sandi Spaulding, from Lakehead University and Western University, Ontario, Canada. Published in *Anthrozoos*, March 2015.

Exploring the Dimensions of Serious Leisure: "Love Me-Love My Dog!" Cheryl Baldwin (University of Iowa) and Patricia Norris. Published in the *Journal of Leisure Research*, Vol. 31, No.1, 1999.

# PSLRA SHOW N GO

Sunday JANUARY 5, 2020



## COUNTRY CLASSIC KENNELS

9332 99th Ave. NE  
Arlington, WA 98223

Beginner Novice  
Novice  
Utility  
Open

Two rings will run simultaneously beginning at 8 AM. Rings will be scheduled for a run every 10 minutes. The running order will be posted on the PSLRA website by Thurs Jan. 2

\$12 for the first run and \$10 for each additional run. Entries close Dec. 29. Day of entries will be taken if space is available.

**Crating space is available. Please scoop your poop.**

### Registration (One form per dog):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dog \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Class (please indicate number of runs): Beg Nov \_\_\_\_ Novice \_\_\_\_

Open \_\_\_\_ jump ht \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Utility \_\_\_\_ jump ht \_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to PSLRA and mail to:

Terrie Sato, 31902 NE 139th St, Duvall, WA 98019

***For questions contact Terrie at [wdsato@cablespeed.com](mailto:wdsato@cablespeed.com)***

Volunteer help will be given a free run. I am willing to help as a judge \_\_\_\_

I am willing to help as a steward \_\_\_\_

I agree to hold harmless PSLRA and Country Classic Kennels

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**OCTOBER 14, 2019**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order-** Meeting was called to order at 7:50pm by President Terrie Sato, on Oct 14, 2019, at Hagens, Woodinville WA

Present Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Janice Bergman, Sue Cox, Neil Evans and Karen Snee

**2. Minutes-** Minutes of the August 19th Board meeting were approved as printed in the Canine Post

**3. Report of the President-** Finances will be a big part of tonight's discussion.

Acknowledgements: Thank you to Bev May and Christine Swinehart for their hard work on the Brenda Reimer seminar, Thank you to Nancy Light for checking the website for needed updates

**4. Report of the Secretary-** From the AKC: Closeout notice for the Labor Day trials  
List of nominees for the AKC 2020 Lifetime Achievement Awards

**5. Report of the Treasurer-** Sue presented her report thru Oct 13th.

**6. Committee Reports**

- Fall Obedience Trial - Reported a loss of \$342.19
- Membership - Reminder it is time to renew membership
- Agility- Nancy reported that Argus has sent out their new contract. There are a few minor price changes,
- Nov Rally Trial - Ingrida reported premium is out and being distributed and listed on social media. Trial closes Nov 13. As of Oct 11, trial secretary, Melissa Knapp has not received many entries.
- Hearts and Flowers - A card has been sent to Pat Rennick.
- Newsletter - No report
- 2020 Spring Trial - No report
- Tracking Test - Budget was submitted and discussed. Board is concerned that the premium list has been posted without an approved budget. Motion was made and passed to approve budget and submit to Membership.
- Brenda Reimer Seminar - Reported loss of \$550.
- Awards- Board reviewed Membership Application, Motion to remove in the Standing Rules, the specified date that awards application are due to the Awards Chair was made. Motion was seconded and approved.

**7. Old Business**

- Paypal account - We are still researching it.
- List of Obedience classes in the area - List needs to be updated.
- Lifetime Achievement Award - Board voted for Dr William Thayne - Companion Events

## 8. New Business

- Fall Obedience Trial 2020 - We need a Chair for the 2020 Fall Obedience and Rally trial. Date is not Labor Day weekend in 2020.
- Recognition of Dana Babb and Pawsabilities - Board discussed and decided to send a card signed in the Club's name.
- Donation - A set of scent articles that had been donated were found in storage. Board is discussing what to do with them.

**9. Good of the Order** - Sue mentioned the need for having a Ring prep, polishing/finishing class

**10. Meetings** - Nov General Membership Meeting at WIKC, Monroe on Sat Nov 16  
Nov Board Meeting TBA- contact Board member if interested

**Adjournment-** Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

*Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary*





**NOVEMBER 11, 2019**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order-** Meeting was called to order at 7:12pm by President Terrie Sato on Nov 11, 2019, at Haggens Woodinville WA

Present Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Karen Snee, Neil Evans and Janice Bergman

**2.Minutes-** Minutes of the Oct 14th Board meeting were approved

**3. Report of the President** - No Report

**4. Report of the Secretary** - No report

**5. Report of the Treasurer-** Due notices emailed- Sue gave her report thru 10/14.

**6. Committee Reports**

a. Nov. Rally Trials - No report

b. Membership - Application for Rhonda Forman for Full membership

c. Agility - Nancy reported that she has signed the contract with Argus and is discussing judges

d. Hearts and Flowers - A card has been sent to Sharon Colvin

e. Newsletter - Elizabeth Soule is our new Canine Post Editor and will be taking over in January

f. 2020 Spring Obedience Trial - The Board is discussing entry fees for the trial.

g. Tracking Test - No report

h. Awards - Application is on the website.

**7. Old Business**

1. PayPal- Board decided to drop discussion

2. List of Classes in Area - Still updating

3. Changes to the Standing Rules- Motion was made to add-*"All budgets are to be presented 90 days prior to Obedience/Rally Trials, Agility Trials, Tracking Tests and Seminars."* Motion discussed and approved

Motion was made to add-*"All Event Chairs/Committees shall submit a financial report within 45 days after the event."* Motion was discussed and approved

**8. New Business**

1. 2021 Spring Trial Judges -Sue said she would contact Amanda and Don and set up a meeting with them.

2. Seminars - We are looking for ideas and someone willing to Chair. Nancy mentioned a new place in Monroe for matches and seminars.

**Adjournment-** Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

***Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary***

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## NOVEMBER 16, 2019

### 1. Call to Order-

Meeting was called to order by President Terrie Sato at 12:25pm, on Nov 16, 2019, at WIKC Obedience Trial, Monroe WA

### 2. Report of the Board-

The Board has made changes to the Standing Rules in regards to the timing of budgets and financial reports, budgets need to be presented 90 days before an event and the financial report need to be presented 45 days after event. Entries have been declining this year placing a Financial burden on the Club Treasury. Membership input is appreciated.

The Board is looking into adjusting entry fees for multiple entry titling classes in Rally to give those entering a small price break and perhaps encourage entrees.

### 3. Report of the President-

The Nov newsletter will be the final newsletter for editor Amy Reagan. Thank you Amy for doing a wonderful job! Elizabeth Soule will be taking over for Amy, so please give your support to Elizabeth with timely submissions to the newsletter. Thank you Elizabeth for volunteering!

### 4. Report of the Secretary- No report

### 5. Report of the Treasurer- Sue presented her report thru 11/16/19

### 6. Committee Reports

#### a. Membership-

First readings -

Rhonda Forman, applying for Full membership. Her sponsors are Terrie Sato and Nancy Light.

Laurie Kraft, applying for Full membership

Second Readings -

Jane Pitts applying for Associate Membership

Allison Clemens applying for Associate Membership

#### b. November Rally Trials

#### c. Hearts and Flowers - No report

#### d. Agility - Nancy has signed contract with Argus and is looking for suggestions for Judges

#### e. 2020 Spring Trial - Clipboard for award donations passed

f. Tracking Test -

Budget presented and approved. There are low entries this year. Perhaps a TD/TDX will be considered for next year.

g. Awards - Our Awards meeting/potluck

is on Sat March 7, 2020 at Sue Cox's house. If you have a perpetual award it needs to be returned to Nancy or Holly. Remember to submit suggestions for the Club Achievement Award.

h. Seminars -

We would like to host a seminar in 2020 and/ or 2021. A volunteer chairperson is needed as well as suggestions.

i. C Match -

Obedience matches are always needed. French Creek Stables in Monroe is becoming a dog facility and has room for two obedience rings and a rally ring (145ft x 60ft) and is about 10 min from the fairgrounds. Volunteers will be needed to make this a successful match. A date in April is a possibility.

## 7. Election of New Members

Jane Pitts and Alison Clemens were voted in as new members

## 8. Unfinished Business

Committee for the 2021 celebration on WSOTC's 75 years as an Obedience/ performance club. If interested please contact Amanda Buse

## 9. New Business

Sue made a motion to add Marina Pavlovsky, from Nevada, all Obedience classes, to our list of judges. Motion was approved.

Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary





*Our Wonderful Members*



Veronica Ness & Josie



Sue Cox & Gemma



Terrie Sato & Bravo





*Our Wonderful Members*



Lynn Grinnell & Skyy



Lee Boelter & Holly





# Our Wonderful Members



Dalene McIntire & Wrangler



Cathy Soule & Dylan





## Our Wonderful Members



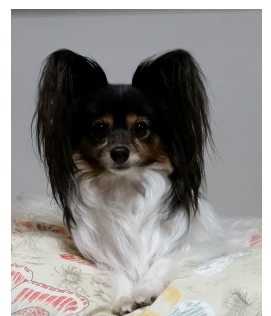
Arlette Davison & Elsa, Breya & Menta



Amy Reagan &  
Star, Pearl,  
Taffy & Budgie

Top right—  
Tanner (11 yrs)

Bottom Right—  
Lucy (12-1/2  
yrs)





## *Our Wonderful Members*



**Our New Editor, Elizabeth Soule with her dog Eli!  
Thank you to Elizabeth. Please help me welcome her  
and support her new task.**







*Our Wonderful Members*



Nancy Light and her dog Tia!





Ten Minute Ticker & Rent A Ring Sun, Dec 29, 2019

Obedience & Rally Run Throughs & Rent-A-Ring 9 am to 4 pm

Pre-Registration Highly Recommended / Day-Of Entries only if time allows
(Entries will be processed in the order they are received. We do our best to accommodate time preferences.)

\$15 FOR 10 MINUTES OF RING TIME FOR OBEDIENCE RUNS
\$12 FOR 5 MINUTES OF RING TIME FOR RALLY RUNS / \$25 FOR 20 MINUTES OF RENT-A-RING
PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRI, DEC 13, 2019 \*

\* If you register after the pre-registration deadline, please contact Ingrida Robinson at IngridaR@familydogonline.com first to see if there is space.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. PROVIDE ONE FORM FOR EACH DOG. BE SURE TO READ AND SIGN THE BACK OF THIS FORM.

Your Name: Dog's Name: Breed:

Day Phone: Evening Phone: Cell:

Email address:

Mailing address:

The Rally Ring is limited to 18 runs (5 minutes ring time per run): Runs will start with Masters, then Exc/Adv, then Intern/Nov. 9:00am - 10:30am only. Walk-through is at 8:50 am. Cost: \$12/run (5 min)
Beginner Novice runs limited to 12 runs (10 minutes ring time per run): Beginner Novice will follow Rally. Cost \$15/run (10 min).
The Obedience Ring run-throughs are 10 minutes per run for all classes: 9:00am - 4:00pm Cost: \$15/run (10 min)
Rent A Ring sessions are 20 minutes (all jumps provided, but no judge/steward - do your own thing) Cost: \$25/session (20 min)

Rally: 9am to 10:30am (INDICATE # OF RUNS FOR EACH LEVEL. ONE FORM PER DOG, PLEASE.)

Masters Excellent/Advanced Intermediate/Novice TOTAL # RALLY RUNS

Obedience run-throughs time preference only: (CHECK ONE BELOW):

9am to 1pm 1pm to 4pm Decline my entry if my time preference is not available

Obedience level (INDICATE NUMBER OF RUNS FOR EACH CLASS. ONE FORM FOR EACH DOG, PLEASE.):

Beginner Novice Pre-Novice Novice Grad Novice Pre-Open Open
Grad Open Pre-Utility Utility Versatility Other (specify)

Registry (for Obedience only) CHECK ONE: AKC CKC UKC Jump Height Width

Rent A Ring (do your own thing) time preference only: (CHECK ONE BELOW):

9am to 1pm 1pm to 4pm Decline my entry if my time or ring preference is not available
I prefer Ring 2 (small, separate ring) I prefer an adjoining ring (for more distractions)

Multiple dogs or multiple runs? How much time would you prefer between runs? (We'll do our best to accommodate you)

No time 10 minutes 20 minutes 40 minutes 60 minutes 90 minutes

Subtotals: Rally \$ + Obedience \$ + Rent A Ring \$ = Total \$

CHECK HERE IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN (CIRCLE ONE) JUDGING / STEWARDING. (1 HOUR OF JUDGING IN EXCHANGE FOR 1 RUN IN ANY EVENT; 2 HOURS OF STEWARDING IN EXCHANGE FOR 1 RUN IN ANY EVENT). WE WILL CONTACT YOU TO COORDINATE, AND WILL REFUND YOUR PRE-PAID ENTRY IF WE UTILIZE YOUR SERVICES. YOUR ASSISTANCE IS MUCH APPRECIATED...AND YOUR ASSISTANCE ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE TO HOLD TMTs!

Final judging schedule will be emailed to participants by Friday, Dec. 27, 2019.

Cash or make checks payable to "Family Dog Training Center." Send forms and payment to: Family Dog Training Center, 1515 Central Ave. S., Kent, WA 98032-1055 / www.familydogonline.com / 253-850-3647 fax / 253-854-9663 voice

Questions or comments? You can reach Ingrida at: IngridaR@familydogonline.com or (206) 947-3081

BE SURE TO READ & SIGN THE BACK OF THIS PAGE. KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR FILE

## Additional Information for our Sunday, December 29, 2019 TMT & RAR

**LOCATION:** Our TMT & RAR will be held at our location in Totem Business Park. Our address is 1515 Central Avenue South. Map and driving directions are on our web site: <http://www.familydogonline.com/>

**FLOORING:** We hope you enjoy our Everlast flooring as much as we do. Please help us keep our floor clean and beautiful by NOT bringing soft drinks, coffee drinks, etc., onto the floor. Please keep beverages on the tile flooring.

**RING SIZES:** Two full-size Utility rings (40 x 50) will be set up in our large training area (Rings 1A & 1B), which has plenty of room around the rings for warm-up. A third ring in our adjoining training area (Ring 2) will be set up for Rally and Obedience. Rent A Ring sessions will be scheduled in one of the full-size Utility rings unless you request the smaller Ring 2.

**CRATING:** Crating must be done on the tile flooring which adjoins the rings. No crating allowed on the Everlast flooring. No x-pens. Please bring your own crates; we have a limited number of empty crates for visitor use.

**POTTY AREAS & PARKING INFO:** All parking and dog potty areas are located in the FRONT of our building. Be sure to CLEAN UP.

**MAIL PRE-REGISTRATION:** So that we have time to do all the scheduling, mailed pre-registrations must be RECEIVED in our office no later than the pre-registration deadline noted on the first page.

**IN-PERSON PRE-REGISTRATION:** If you are in classes or it's convenient to drop the form off at our office, you may also register that way. We have a mail slot in our front door.

**RALLY RING (9 am to 10:30 am): \$12 for 5 minutes.** The Rally course will be layered so exhibitors can practice any or all of the stations they want. One walk-through will be held at 8:50 am. Rally judging based on 12 runs per hour and we have allotted 1.5 hours for a maximum of 18 runs.

**BEGINNER NOVICE will follow Rally: \$15 for 10 minutes.** Beginner Novice judging based on 6 runs per hour.

**OBEDIENCE RINGS (9 am to 4 pm): \$15 for 10 minutes.** AKC & CKC & UKC – Beginner Novice, Pre-Novice, Novice, Graduate Novice, Pre-Open, Open, Graduate Open, Pre-Utility and Utility are available. Group exercises for Novice Sit Stays and Down Stays will be held every 60 minutes. Rent A Ring handlers may also participate in stays.

**RENT A RING (9 am to 4 pm): \$25 for 20 minutes.** Jumps & cones for posts are provided, but no judge or stewards are provided. Rent A Ring sessions are for folks who want to "do their own thing" – either alone or with a maximum of one other handler sharing the ring time.

**AGGRESSIVE DOGS:** No people-aggressive or dog-aggressive dogs are permitted at this event.

**REGISTER EARLY:** Our events typically fill up weeks in advance!

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### PLEASE READ & SIGN THE FOLLOWING REGISTRATION AGREEMENT:

- Returned or NSF checks are subject to a \$30 bank processing fee. There will be no refunds issued for any reason; however, participants who are unable to attend may send someone to take his or her place.
- Dogs that are disruptive or pose a threat to other dogs and/or humans will be asked to leave and no refund will be given. Dogs must be on leash at all times unless working in one of the rings.
- All participants must clean up after their dogs and dispose of animal waste in the appropriate containers.
- I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Kathy Lang Dog Training Services, Inc., The Family Dog Training Center, and its owners, board of directors, officers, agents, employees, instructors, and staff members, from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action or liability of any kind whatsoever, for death, personal injury or property damage in any way proximately caused by myself, my family members, my friends and/or any animal belonging to, or brought onto the premises by myself or any member of my family or my assigns. I further agree, on behalf of myself, my family and my assigns, to assume complete and sole responsibility for any and all actions of any animal belonging to, or brought onto the premises by myself, any member of my family or my agents or assigns.

I have read, understood and agree to the above conditions relative to my registration for this event.

Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Alex Robinson

## Competition Obedience Seminars

Two-day intro seminar (focus on heeling):

Sat & Sun, May 2 & 3, 2020

One-day seminar covering all exercises

(except heeling): Mon, May 4, 2020

Two-day advanced seminar:

Tues & Weds, May 5 & 6, 2020

Private Lessons: Thurs, May 7, 2020

*Registration is now open!*

### About Alex

Alex Robinson is a very successful positive reinforcement based competitive obedience trainer from New Zealand. Alex has presented many seminars throughout New Zealand, Australia, Canada and America since 2014. Alex is 28 years old and has been training dogs at a national winning level for over a decade. This will be his second visit to Washington State. His 2019 seminar was extremely well-received, so we're offering a more advanced option for returnees!

Alex currently has three dogs, two Border Collies and a Golden Retriever. Alex started in obedience when he was 14 with his parent's 5 year old Border Collie, Sugar. Alex and Sugar won many national titles together and reached Test C - the penultimate class in New Zealand. Fix is a 9 year old intact male Border Collie who has national wins and his obedience championship under his belt. The next goal is a BH title in IGP. ASAP is a 5 year old intact female Border Collie with a 60% win rate in the obedience ring! She has had a year off from obedience learning other sports. Alex looks forward to earning their obedience championship in the new year. Sushi is an 18 month old intact female golden retriever from the United States. Alex and Sushi have been working together for 6 months and have high ambitions in Obedience, Agility, and IGP. She is expanding Alex's toolbox!

### What Alex says about his philosophy and seminar

At the core of my training are three principles/broader ideas:

- What you put in is what you get out.
- Reinforcement builds behavior.
- Positive relationships: between you and your dog, and your dog and competition exercises.

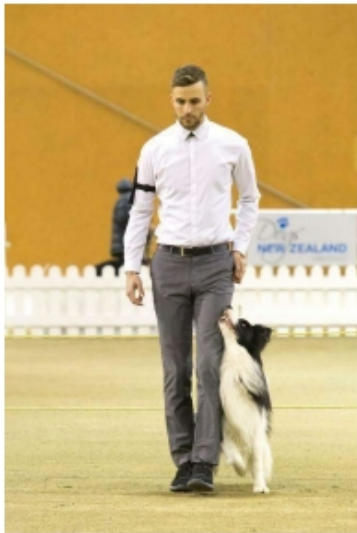
I believe drive comes from confidence, there is no secret 5-minute exercise that will provide it; instead, it is deeply rooted in hard work. Just because your dog isn't buzzing about does not mean it's not in drive, frantic fidgeting is not to be mistaken for drive. It is up to us to be honest with who our dog is and nurture our dogs for who they are - then and only then will we get drive.

When we are training our dogs we can't take anything that they do personally; when they fail, we fail. This is important information and it is what we do with this information that defines us. For me this means being honest with what you've done as a trainer - the ability to step back and look at the picture holistically - taking full ownership of the whole process.

Heelwork is my **signature exercise** for lack of better description; therefore, it is important to me that I can walk my talk and put on a show in the ring. I teach every skill out of the context of heelwork and I proof each of these skills extensively. My training gives my dogs a thorough understanding of heelwork that stands up to the highest test of the competition ring. Achieving a perfect heelwork score in the ring lies in having a comprehensive foundation.

Heelwork training starts with having a detailed vision of what you want to achieve with your dog. If you don't know in explicit detail what you want, how can you communicate to your dog effectively what heelwork is? My vision is a picture where my dogs' entire body and mind is engaged for a full 7-10 minutes of heelwork in the ring. My dogs are working with my body, and are moving with me, rather than reacting to my movement. My dogs are in complete drive and work harder through distraction. My dogs are fully animated all while holding an exact and precise position. There are 30 plus skills my dogs must master before they are ready to learn competition heelwork.

My goal is for the attendees of my Introductory Seminar to learn how to look closely and objectively at their obedience journey with their dogs. This includes their relationship with their dogs, their obedience training sessions, and their show day trials. This is so that they can isolate the key components necessary to achieve their goals. **- Alex Robinson**



## **Working Teams & Auditor Spots for the Two-Day Intro Seminar**

So that all attendees can take full advantage of learning from Alex, working teams will be limited to 20 (one dog per handler) and divided into the following groups: Group 1) Puppies and young dogs who have little to no introduction to attention/head-up heeling; Group 2) Puppies and dogs who have been introduced to heads-up heeling and attention, but struggle with consistency; Group 3) Dogs with good, consistent attention and head position (with at least some proofing) that are ready to take their heeling to the next level; Group 4) Experienced dogs who have earned perfect heeling scores, HITs and/or OTCHs and/or up-and-coming prospects with HIT/OTCH owners who would appreciate Alex's insight and techniques for elevating their already high levels of performance.

Five dogs will be accepted in each of the four groups described above. Registration for these working spots will be taken on a first-received basis. We will maintain a waiting list for handlers who want a working spot. In the event one or more of the four groups does not have the maximum number of registrations by March 1, 2020 we will accept more working teams in other groups until we reach a maximum of 20. (Our goal with this approach is to pre-classify working dogs at the time of registration and to have the widest range of dogs/abilities. We used this system for Alex's 2019 seminar and found it worked well. It gave all attendees a broader base for learning.)

Auditor spots will be limited to 30. Auditors may bring one dog and work it during seminar breaks if they desire, provided the dog is quietly crated in the adjoining room or their vehicle.

## **Two-Day Intro Seminar (Focus on Heeling) Schedule**

**Sat & Sun, May 2 & 3:** Philosophy, relationship, drive and foundation skills. Puppies and dogs will be worked in small groups based on their age and proficiency. Groups will be rotated throughout the day. There will be a no-host group dinner at a nearby restaurant for anyone who would like to attend.

## Everything Beyond Heeling: One-Day Seminar

**Mon, May 4:** Working spots will be limited to 10 so that everyone receives ample time with Alex. Those signing up for a working spot must have attended his seminar in 2019, or the prior two days (May 2 & 3, 2020). Auditor spots will be limited to 30. Auditors may bring one dog and work it during seminar breaks if they desire, provided the dog is quietly crated in the adjoining room or their vehicle. Alex will cover proofing, reward placement and delivery, effective shaping and luring, retrieve philosophy, scent discrimination, go outs, fronts and finishes, jump training, and command discrimination. Time permitting seminar attendees may get to collectively decide a topic to cover.

## Working Teams & Auditor Spots for the Two-Day Advanced Seminar

**Tues & Weds, May 5 & 6:** So that all attendees can take full advantage of learning from Alex, working teams will be limited to 10 (maximum two dogs per handler). Handlers must have attended the prior three days of seminars (May 2, 3 & 4) or Alex's 2019 seminar. Working teams: Dogs should have good, consistent attention and head position (with at least some proofing) and an introduction to retrieving, scent work, signals, position changes, fronts and finishes. Dogs should also have a well-developed toy/tug/play drive. Dogs will be worked individually and in small groups.

## Private Lesson Day

**Thurs, May 7:** Alex will be available for 30-minute private lessons. Preference will be given to seminar attendees. If private lesson spots remain after March 1, 2020 they may be offered to those who did not attend the seminar.

## Fees for Working Spots

Working spot for 2-day Introductory Seminar on May 2 & 3 (limit of 20):	\$250.00
Working spot for 1-day Everything Beyond Heeling Seminar on May 4 (limit of 10):	\$125.00
Working spot for 2-day Advanced Seminar on May 5 & 6 (limit of 10):	\$300.00
Private lesson – 30 minutes on May 7 (limit of 14):	\$ 75.00

## Fees for Auditing Spots

Auditing spot for one day (limit of 30):	\$ 75.00
Auditing spot cost for additional days (after the first one):	\$ 50.00
Auditing spot for 5 days:	\$250.00

## Other Details

If you are registering for a working spot, please bring your own crate. Soft-sided and plastic crates may sit directly on the rubber floor. Please bring a mat to put under wire crates. No x-pens, please. Dogs need to be quiet during the seminar. No human or dog aggressive dogs, please.

If you are registering for an auditor spot, you may bring one dog and train/play with it during breaks. You'll be asked to crate your dog in your vehicle or in our adjoining room during seminar hours.

These events will be held at Family Dog Training Center, 1515 Central Ave. S., Kent, WA 98032. A list of nearby motels can be provided. We can accommodate a limited number of RVs (no hook-ups); contact us for details. We are approximately 20 minutes from Sea-Tac Airport.

Seminar hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. The building will open at 8:00 am each day. Morning and afternoon refreshments will be provided, along with soup, salads, fruits and sandwich fixings for lunch. Hot and cold beverages will be available throughout the day. We recommend you bring your own comfortable chair and dress in layers. Our facility is heated; however, some folks are more sensitive to temperature changes. No audio or video recording is allowed.

No refunds unless we have a waiting list; however, you may sell your spot to a friend provided you give us written confirmation.

**HOW TO REGISTER:** The best way to register is online, via our website. Look for the link on our home page or copy/paste this in your browser window. [INSERT HYPERLINK HERE](#). You may register online and pay with a credit card or check; however, your registration will not be confirmed until your payment is received and processed. We will confirm your registration via email, along with additional details and reminders as we get closer to the workshop. (If you need a paper registration form, contact us and we'll be glad to provide one or you can download it using the link above.)

## ALEX ROBINSON SEMINARS – May 2020

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Options – read carefully and place a check next to all that apply:

- Working spot for Introductory 2-day Seminar May 2 & 3, 2020 (check one):** **\$250.00**  
 Group 1: Puppies and/or dogs who have no or limited work on attention/heeling  
 Group 2: Puppies and/or dogs who struggle with consistent attention/heeling  
 Group 3: Dogs with good/consistent attention/heeling and some work around distractions  
 Group 4: Dogs/handlers who have earned perfect heeling scores and/or HIT/OTCH prospects

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age on 5/2/2020 \_\_\_\_\_

- Working spot for 1-day Everything Else Seminar May 4, 2020 (check one):** **\$125.00**

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age on 5/2/2020 \_\_\_\_\_

- Working spot for Advanced 2-day Seminar May 5 & 6 2020 (check one):** **\$300.00**

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age on 5/2/2020 \_\_\_\_\_

Date you attended a Seminar or Private Lessons with Alex \_\_\_\_\_

**If working spots are full, sign me up as an auditor and put me on the waiting list for a working spot.**

- Auditor spot – cost per day:** **\$ 75.00**

Circle the day(s) you will audit:    May 2    May 3    May 4    May 5    May 6

- Auditor spot for all five days:** **\$250.00**

- Private Lessons on May 7:** **\$75.00**

Circle the time of day you prefer:    9am to Noon    1pm to 5 pm

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ US FUNDS    Circle Payment Method: Check / Discover / Visa / MasterCard / Cash

For credit card payments: Print Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

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By providing your credit card information you authorize Family Dog Training Center to process your payment specified upon receipt.

### PARTICIPANTS MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW

I understand that there will be no refunds issued for any reason (other than seminar cancellation); however, a participant who is unable to attend may send someone to take his or her place provided permission is given in writing and a copy is submitted to Family Dog Training Center. Returned or NSF checks are subject to a \$30 bank processing fee. Declined credit cards that result in late payment due to delayed processing are subject to a \$30 late payment fee. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Alex Robinson, Kathy Lang Dog Training Services, Inc., The Family Dog Training Center, and its owners, board of directors, officers, agents, employees, instructors, and staff members, from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action or liability of any kind whatsoever, for death, personal injury or property damage in any way proximately caused by myself, my family members, my friends and/or any animal belonging to, or brought onto the premises by myself or any member of my family or my assigns. I further agree, on behalf of myself, my family and my assigns, to assume complete and sole responsibility for any and all actions of any animal belonging to, or brought onto the premises by myself, any member of my family or my agents or assigns.

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Keep a copy of this page for your records. Mail with payment to:  
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We will send you a confirming email once we receive and process your payment.