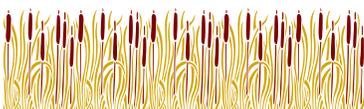




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From the Prez.....

Earlier this month the RHRC Board nominated Susan Bell for the MARC John O. Blackbird Award. See Page 2 for the eligibility requirements and the letter sent to MARC by RHRC. Whether or not it is awarded to Susan, we would like to thank her once again for all of her efforts supporting RHRC and our sport.

2020 has not been one of our better years with two hunt tests and our ten series cancelled due to the corona virus and the Gov's stay at home order. The bright spot was the AKC Advanced Judges Seminar which slipped in before the "stay at home order".

For 2021 we believe we will be able to hold all of our normal events barring any changes to the current restrictions in effect for King County. RHRC has already secured judges for our spring test. Think Positively!!!

With the current spike in the virus, the Board will be discussing the Holiday Party as well as the Annual Banquet, awards and elections for this year. More to come - - - - -

We will be forming a nominating committee for our annual elections and the committee, along with the board will consider how to have a membership vote if the annual banquet is not able to be held in February.

Have a great Thanksgiving.

Jim

Jim Olson, RHRC President



**RHRC Board Nominates
Susan Bell for the
John O. Blackbird Award**

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John O. Blackbird Award

This Master Amateur Retriever Club Award honors, celebrates and perpetuates the life lived, the accomplishments, the lasting influence and legacy of John Blackbird. It also honors an individual who has demonstrated through their own work and efforts, that they too have made significant contributions to the retriever hunting test program through training and handling retrievers AS AN AMATEUR, working and judging local hunt tests, being a leader in local and perhaps regional or national clubs, and mentoring and supporting others in the retriever games. Susan Bell has demonstrated all of these qualities.

October 21, 2020

The Rainier Hunting Retriever Club (RHRC) nominates Susan S. Bell as a worthy recipient of the 2021 John O. Blackbird Memorial Award.

Susan got her first hunting dog, Barty, a Golden Retriever, in 1986 when she lived in Colorado. It began a long love affair with the breed. While living in Colorado, Susan became involved with the hunting retriever club active in her area (before AKC Hunt Tests were common) and participated in a few field trials as well as enjoyed hunting in the Midwest, with Barty.

Her second Golden Retriever, Glory, opened many new doors for her and she became seriously involved with both AKC hunt tests as well as field trials in Colorado. She soon realized that our sport is one that is supported by volunteers whether it is a hunt test or a field trial and her involvement with clubs in Colorado increased. As time passed, she became ever more active supporting all the various clubs she has belonged to. Since Glory, Susan has given much of her time to the promotion and support of the values espoused by the Master Amateur Retriever Club. To her credit, she has owned and trained 5 Master Hunters.

She believes that it is important to keep learning and not only works with a professional trainer but also trains her own dogs. She also contributes as part of training groups to help others train their own dogs. Susan has trained and handled her own dogs at every level: Junior, Senior and Master.



In 1990, Susan moved to Oregon where she joined the Oregon Retriever Trial Club (ORTC) and the Oregon Hunting Retriever Club (OHRC). With her desire to participate in hunt tests, she continued with her volunteer spirit and served on the ORTC board for 6 years, and as president for 3 years. She contributed to the sport working at both field and hunt tests, training days and 10 series. Not only did Susan volunteer to chair multiple events but she also served as Hunt Test Secretary for many hunt tests. While in Oregon, she saw the need for the sport to have additional judges, so, in 1998, she stepped up to become an AKC Judge for both Hunt Tests and Field Trials and began judging events.

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John O. Blackbird Award continued

Susan's first judging assignment was an Open Stake at a 1998 Field Trial in Oregon. Her first AKC Hunt test judging assignment was in 2001, also in Oregon. Since that time Susan has judged 35 Master tests and many Junior and Senior tests. She believes that it is important to be a well-rounded judge and makes it a point to judge all three levels every year. Susan's dedication to judging and supporting the Hunt Test Game has taken her to Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Utah, Montana and Canada.

In 2003, Susan moved to Washington where she joined both the Rainier Hunting Retriever Club (RHRC) and the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (EGRC). In addition to serving on the Board of Directors in both clubs numerous times, she has held many leadership positions in both including President (3 years RHRC) and Hunt Test Secretary (many years/both clubs). She is currently completing a 2-year term as the Rainier Club Secretary and is also the 2021 Evergreen Hunt Test Secretary.

Susan recognizes that the future of our sport rests on the availability of trained individuals volunteering to judge our dogs. To this end, she encouraged RHRC to hold an AKC Basic Judging Seminar in 2018. She took the lead in organizing the event and then, this past spring (2020), Susan organized an AKC Advanced Judging Seminar for those interested in the Pacific Northwest. Both events were well attended.

In our area, we have seen a continual shrinking of places to train and compete with our dogs. Realizing this, Susan, representing RHRC, worked closely with a local group, led by Cindy Olson, from the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association, to re-open property, managed by the Washington Fish and Game Department, for dog training. This group successfully increased locations where dogs could be trained as well as tested.

Susan has been recognized by Rainier Hunting Retriever Club for her leadership and volunteer work many times. She received the President's Award in 2013, 2017, and

2019 for her outstanding support to the Board of Directors.

Susan is active not only at our local level but also supports our sport at the national level. She has both attended and worked at the Master National annually since 2014 and has served as our Club's voting delegate as well. In 2019 she was an integral member of the pre-National set-up team, was in charge of getting the gunners for the event and then worked for the week prior to the beginning of the event as well as during the event.

Susan has been supportive of the Master Amateur Retriever Club (MARC) since its inception. She encouraged RHRC to join MARC as a supporting member in the first year of its operation. In 2019 she volunteered for the Master Amateur Invitational in Butte, MT, filling in for Betsy Pohl as the Corporate Sponsor Liaison.

Outside of working with her retrievers, Susan worked internationally, in the apparel business for 40 years - retiring in 2015. Her contacts with Nike, Columbia and ExOfficio allowed her to secure many desired items for club raffles/auctions. Although she continues to do some free-lance consulting, she spends most of her time with her three Golden Retrievers and two Schipperkes and is looking forward to her 14th Golden Retriever soon.

Susan is committed to the basic principles of the Master Amateur Retriever Club. Over her 35 years of contributing to our sport, she has consistently promoted the interests of amateur owners/trainers who respect the history, traditions, and integrity of the sport of purebred hunting retrievers. Her attitude and actions demonstrate her devotion to our sport. She values good sportsmanship, respects AKC rules and regulations, and protects the welfare of all competitors and their dogs. Having made continuous and lasting contributions to our sport, Susan exemplifies the type of person we should all strive to be. Susan is highly deserving of being recognized with the 2021 John O. Blackbird Memorial Award.

This nomination is submitted by Jim Olson, President of RHRC on behalf of the RHRC Board of Directors

Update on Jerry's Place in Monroe from Colin

Hi All,

It's certainly been an odd year for training dogs!!! Regarding training conditions on the property, generally as a rule of thumb myself (Colin) or Jerry and Sheila post any notices on the whiteboard near the property entrance. So it's always a good idea to check that for anything that might be new. Occasional notes might include a heads up about a wasps nest or that we should avoid certain areas due to spraying or farming activities.



As far as Covid related notices, we are doing our best to adhere to current state restrictions for Snohomish county. We ask that people please do their best to also adhere to these practices so that we can maintain a safe and happy place to train for all without drawing any undue scrutiny from the traffic on the highway.

Ben Thompson has been volunteering weekly to assist with grounds maintenance and improvements and has been a huge help! Some of 2020's projects were a new bird pen from funds donated by a retiring retriever club, new T-Pattern area (near the barn) to keep the grounds more open when there is high use, some weir repairs to help maintain water levels, lots of limbing and removal of trees and branches and as always lots of mowing and spraying to keep the grass at Bay!!!

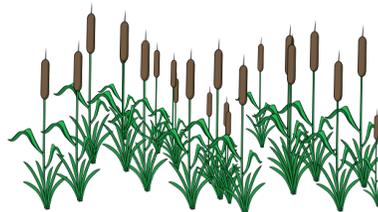
If anyone has questions or would like to be added to a volunteer list, email us at Info.jerrys.place@gmail.com

Jerry and Sheila welcome hearing from the dog community and, while they may not respond immediately to emails, well wishes are always welcome.

Thanks,

Colin Ching
(425) 330-4228

Ben Thompson
(307) 761-0235



A Little Bit of Fun



Follow this link to a hilarious interview with the "CYNICAL HUNT TESTER"!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjEtM9Gnlqg&t=65s>



Jim and Cindy Olson's Hunting Trip in North Dakota—2020



The trailer was our home for the trip and base camp for hunting. Being out on a point at Blacktail Dam, we were open to the winds which blew a lot this trip. All was good until the daytime temps were going to be below freezing with overnight temps in the teens and winds at 15 mph plus. We left ND early for warmer temps and to avoid snow.

We limited opening day by 10:00 am and the weather was warm with light winds. The rest of the hunting days were much cooler with strong winds. The birds were a bit more difficult to get up and hit but we eventually got 22 of 24 birds.



Tree rows and coolies both hold birds because of the cover provided. They are the best places to find birds. The only problem with tree rows, it always seemed like the birds flew out the side I was not on at the time.

This was Magic's first hunting trip, she ended our last day of hunting with a limit of pheasants two of which can be seen in our picture, note that this was the first of the snow for the trip.



Looking forward to ND 2021!

~~~~By Jim and Cindy Olson



## Eric Marek and Murphy near Lewiston, ID



# CONGRATULATIONS

From **Christine Robertson**: “When he didn't get his entries in for an early August hunt test in Oregon, Bucko Van de Brake decided to load up his truck with master dogs and take a road trip to Minnesota for two master tests there. On the way he ran his dogs in three tests in North Dakota.

Most of Bucko's 20+ dogs passed these tests, including Farley; no IVS has qualified for or run in the Master National since I ran Nike in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Farley now needs just one more pass to qualify for the MN in Idaho next year”



Vincent



Oliver



Gamay



Gamay and Betty

**Liz Gibson** is proud of Vincent, who passed 5 tests in a row in N. Dakota and Minnesota, in 3 weeks! One more pass for him to qualify for the 2021 Master National. Thanks to Brooke “Bucko” Van de Brake Jr for taking such good care of him and achieving this! She is also proud of Oliver who passed his first Senior test in McCall Idaho in July, again run by Brooke.

Gamay and Betty made **Susan Bell** proud as they cleaned up on their trip to Minnesota and North Dakota with Bucko Van De Brake.



**Cat Martini-Rashid** reports that Brut got his senior hunter. He also going from no champion to grand champion he did it all in 8 weeks and 1 show. Kahlua got her cgc and is now a therapy dog. She is working on her first therapy title

*In Memoria*

*HRC/H Kingsland Topgun Nellie Benelli*

*MH66 MNH4*



Nellie was a 4X Master National Champion and earned 1010 points in the HRC venue. Family member, hunting companion and competitor, she brought 12 1/2 years of joy to the Woll family.



*SOME DOGS COME INTO OUR LIVES AND  
LEAVE FOOTPRINTS ON OUR HEARTS AND WE  
ARE NEVER, EVER THE SAME AGAIN.*



*Welcome*

*To Our Newest Member  
BRET FISHER*

# RHRC Board Meeting Minutes

## May 5, 2020



Jim called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. On the line were Betsy Reali, Doug and Patty Gallucci , Eric Marek, Sue Meyring and Susan Bell. Liz Gibson came in a little later.

There were no revisions to the proposed agenda  
Approval of prior meeting minutes - yes

**Treasurer's report:**Sue let us know that there was \$6709.35 in the club checking account and that the \$1000 from the MNRC would be deposited. There was also \$1994.34 in the Tri Club account.

**Secretary's report** Susan advised that the check for our Seminar had finally gotten here and she had passed it to Sue.

### Old Business

**\*\*2020 HT final slate of judges.** See email from Liz

**\*\*Trailer Clean/Repair Day.** Perhaps first weekend in July?

**\*\*10 Series.** The board felt we have to wait. Subsequently Jim asked Susan to cancel it indefinitely and let all the members know. This was done via email.

**\*\*New poles second batch.** Eric is still working on this issue.

**\*\*AED Defibrillator.** Eric reported that if we want one we would have to buy it.

**\*\*Wendy's Deposit (\$500).** Sue needs to do this

**\*\*Liability Insurance (\$600).** Sue has written the check and it will be sent .

**\*\*Web Builder Go Daddy/Word Press.** Doug/Jim Not discussed as Jean Fowler was not on the call. Subsequently the board voted via email to pay for security on our website.

### New Business

**\*\*Future Events** are on hold.

**\*\*Privacy Policy – Wed Builder** Jean not on the call but subsequently this was gone over with the board via email

**\*\*Additional question** came up which was “does the AKC sell our membership list?” Answer is No.

Next Meeting to be June 2

Adjourned

Submitted by,  
Susan Bell, RHRC Secretary



## A Ray of Sunshine In Times of Need

The Rainier Hunting Retriever Club is a community of support and love for anyone who is ill, who may have lost a beloved relative, pet, or is in need in any other way.

Please contact Dianne Clark if you, or someone you know, could use a helping hand, phone call or other support. You can reach Dianne at: 360-568-3368 (home), 425-299-4252 (cell) or [dianneclark@comcast.net](mailto:dianneclark@comcast.net)



RHRC Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 16, 2020  
Zoom Conference Call @6:30 PM



I The meeting was called to order at 6:33PM by Jim. Attendees were Jim Olson, Susan Bell, Betsy Reali, Doug Gallucci, Sue Meyring and Diane Clark

II There were no revisions to the proposed agenda.

III The prior meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**IV Reports**

A **Treasurer's report:** Sue reported that we have \$6722.15 in the RHRC checking account and \$1994.35 in the Tri Club Account. She has a check for \$500 for birds and a \$100 check for the MN that she is sending out

B **Secretary's report:** Susan reported that she had spoken to the AKC about splits in stakes. Senior splits at 50 but there is no designated split number for Junior. It is up to the discretion of the club. She will be sending the amended bylaws to the AKC.

**VI Old Business**

A **Trailer Clean/Repair Day:** Decided to have on June 25th at noon. Randy Clark, Betsy, Susan, Jean, Doug and Eric will be there.

B **New poles second batch:** Eric will take care of after the trailer cleaning day.

C **AED Defibrillator:** The board decided to put off until next year as it would be better if all 3 local clubs participated.

D **Privacy Policy – Wed Builder:** The board voted to adopt a privacy policy nregarding what happens to information shared on the RHRC website.. Motion by Susan, seconded by Jim. All said Aye.

**VII New Business - Future Events**

A 2020 HT

I **Judges selected if Jr/Sr is split:** It is unlikely we will need to split but judges are available.

2 **HT Social Distancing:** Entry Express has inserted the AKC recommendations into all Hunt test premiums.

3 **Application for a variance:** Susan will work on with King County to see if we can obtain a variance for number of people allowed at our event.

B 2021 Judges Committee

I **Joint Judge Selection with PSLRA:** It was decided unanimously that we will participate with PSLRA in judge selection next year. Judge selection process will be determined after Committee meeting on Thursday, June 19th. Susan will report back to the RHRC Board.

C **Remove Jim from HT gun captain on EE:** Should be Eric Marec.

**VIII New Members**

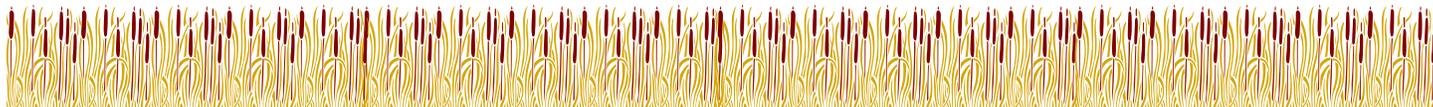
A **Bret Fisher – Enumclaw** He has a 6 month old and is looking for someone to train with. Anne and Don West were suggested.

Additional business brought up by Sue that we send a “Thank you” to Jean and her neighbor for their work on our new website. We decided on gift cards.

IX Next Meeting July 7

X Adjournment at 7:04 as the Zoom 40 minutes expired.

Submitted by *Susan Bell*, Secretary





## RHRC Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Zoom Meeting@6:30 PM

The Meeting was called to order by Liz Gibson at 6:33 PM  
Attendees were Liz, Susan Bell, Dianne Clark, Sue Meyring,  
Eric Marek and Doug Gallucci

There were no revisions to the proposed agenda  
A motion to approve the prior minutes was brought by Liz  
and seconded by Eric Marec.

### Reports

**Treasurer's Report – Sue Meyring:** We have \$6122.15 in the checking account and there is \$1994.38 in the Tri Club account. We can spend \$1260 to continue the holding blind project.

**Secretary's Report – Susan Bell:** Susan gave the Secretary's report which was about asking the State for a variance for our August Test. Eric helped a great deal on the request and the state responded quickly re the receipt but eventually did not give us a variance.

### Old Business

**Trailer Clean Up** – was great per the participants. Eric has the blinds to be repaired. Susan will deliver them to Brian Hawley at the hunt test in Roseburg. This was done.

**August Hunt test** – We were ready to go forward if we got the variance but also discussed and agreed upon July 15 as the Drop Dead date for canceling. See the memo from Jim that was sent via email to all members explaining the joint decision with PSLRA to cancel the test.

**Judges Committee Report** – Susan and Liz. We were set up for the August test and in pretty good shape for next May as most of our judges from the canceled May 2019 test have confirmed that we are available to judge for us in May 2021.

**New club member** – Bret Fisher

Next meeting was set for August 4th.

Adjourned at 7:40 PM motion by Liz, seconded by Doug.

Submitted by *Susan Bell*, RHRC Secretary

**ADDENDUM** – please all note that we canceled the August meeting. The next meeting will be in September. Date to be advised later.

## RHRC Emergency Board

Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 13, 2020

Board Meeting – Board members Plus Jean Fowler (Chief Marshal) & Dianne Clark (Secretary)

Message From the Prez.....

July 13, 2020

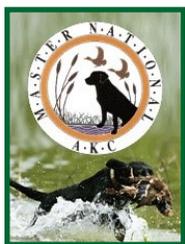
*On Monday, July 13, 2020, RHRC had an emergency meeting on of the Board of Directors (Board) and the RHRC Hunt Test Committee (HTC) to discuss King County's Phase 2 status, the increasing Covid-19 numbers and the potential impact to the volunteers and participants of our Hunt Test (HT).*

*Everyone attending shared their opinions of the situation and then individually voted on holding or cancelling the HT. The HTC unanimously voted to cancel the HT and all but one Board member also voted to cancel the HT. As a result, the RHRC August HT has been cancelled for 2020.*

*This was a very difficult decision and not easily made especially on the heels of cancelling the May HT and not holding our June 10 Series. The decision was made primarily out of an abundance of concern for all volunteers and participants, especially those in high risk categories. We would like to note that many of our members and friends in the dog training community are in this high risk category. The Covid-19 situation, which continues to show increasing numbers, and the slow down related to advancing King County into the next phase, caused us to believe that we would not be able to get a variance from the State of WA to allow the test to be held under Phase 3 regulations while still officially in Phase 2. Finally, we were very concerned about getting "kid" help for this test as well.*

*Stay well and enjoy this summer weather with your pups as best you can. Hope to see everyone at an RHRC event soon, possibly not until 2021.*

*Jim*



## Master National Retriever Club News

### **MNRC Makes Changes to 2021 Master National Qualification** July 2020

Dear Members of the Master National Community,

These past few weeks have been a reminder of just how connected we are to one another. I want to thank you for your patience as we adjust to the new realities presented to us by the coronavirus pandemic.

We have taken a variety of measures to respond to these unprecedented and challenging circumstances, actions and decisions that were never contemplated and that I hope are never presented to us again. Our two main priorities will continue to be: first, the health, safety and well-being of everyone who participates in the Master National in any capacity whatsoever; and, second, the continuity of our mission to conduct the premier hunt test event in a manner that respects and protects the integrity of our sport.

We recognize that a critical element of moving forward is the determination of the 2021 qualification criteria. To that end, we assembled a committee to evaluate those options in light of our mission, while also considering the impact that the 2020 cancellation has had on our sport. This committee was not just comprised of MNRC board members. It also included individuals who are long tenured with the Master National and represent the varied interests of our broad constituency. This committee invested hours into this effort over the last couple of weeks, contributing ideas and debating the pluses and minuses. I want to personally thank them for their collaborative and constructive efforts to submit a recommendation to the MNRC board. These people represent the true spirit of the Master National and are the reason I am proud to be a part of this sport.

The MNRC board has approved the following transition qualification criteria for the 2021 event to be held in Valley County, ID. The qualifying period will be August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021.

- \*\*MNH dogs will be fully qualified for the 2021 event
  - \*\*MNR dogs (dogs that have earned 2 plates) will be fully qualified for the 2021 event
  - \*\*Dogs that received a qualifying score at the 2019 event will receive credit for 2 Master passes toward the 2021 qualification. These dogs will need to earn 4 Master passes during the 2021 qualification period
  - \*\*Dogs that earned 4+ Master passes during the 2020 qualification period and had a MH title at the end of the 2020 qualifying period will receive credit for 2 Master passes toward the 2021 qualification. These dogs will need to earn 4 Master passes during the 2021 qualification period.
- All other dogs will be required to earn 6 Master passes during the 2021 qualification period.

Notes: No dog will receive credit for more than 2 Master passes for the 2021 qualifying period (with the exception of MNH and MNR dogs that are fully qualified). These transition criteria are for the 2021 event only

All of these measures are subject to modification in light of a change in future circumstances. The safety and welfare of our participants is as important now as ever. Our model has changed for the foreseeable future, but we are committed to returning to a normal condition as soon as is practicably possible.

We appreciate your patience, understanding, and cooperation as we negotiate this transition.

*Allen Dillard*, President MNRC

# Master Amateur Retriever Club News



April 2020

Dear MARC Members,

In early March the Board made the difficult decision that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent concern for the safety of all participants, the 2020 Invitational scheduled to be held in Corning, CA, April 19-26, 2020, had to be cancelled.

After considering all available options, and given the uncertainties created by the pandemic, the Board rescheduled the 2020 Invitational in Corning, CA for April 18-25, 2021 (to be held in Corning, CA). All dogs that qualified for the 2020 Invitational are automatically qualified for both the rescheduled 2020 Invitational and the 2021 Invitational.

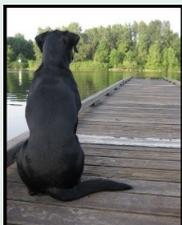
The originally scheduled 2021 Invitational will also take place as planned in Emporia, VA, May 16-23, 2021. Dogs that qualify during the 2021 qualifying period of March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021, are also qualified to enter both events.

Passes at each event will count as two credits for the 2022 qualifying year. A dog that passes both the rescheduled 2020 Invitational and the 2021 Invitational will have four credits toward the 2022 Invitational.

Of course, all plans are subject to change in response to the ongoing health crises we all face. Until next time, be safe, hug your dogs and hug your family.

Please feel free to contact your Region Director for more information or with questions.

Thank you all!  
MARC Board of Directors



## Chase Away K9 Cancer

Many of us have lost our four legged companions to canine cancer and many are currently fighting this disease.

ChaseAway K9 Cancer has partnered with The National Canine Cancer Foundation (NCCF). ChaseAway is a designated fund within the NCCF, a nationwide, contribution funded, 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to eliminating Cancer as a major health issue in dogs by funding grants directly to Cancer researchers who are working to save lives, find cures, better treatments and accurate, cost effective diagnostic methods in dealing with canine Cancer.

**To date we have raised \$1,312,853.33**

Make your donation today: Donate On-line at [www.chaseawayk9cancer.org](http://www.chaseawayk9cancer.org)  
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**Write A Check Payable To :** Chase Away K9 Cancer  
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| <p><b>CANINE CANCER CHECK</b><br/>         Use these pictures to help you check every area. Start with the tip of their nose, and work your way to the tip of their tail. For the greatest potential for success, conduct the exam in a familiar environment where your pet is not easily distracted. For example, avoid the time of day the UPS gal makes deliveries, or at dinner time. It might be a good idea to make a body chart: Using a simple outline, note any points of concern in each area. This will help identify when something changes. <b>*Please be sure to do a K9 cancer check of your dog once a month.</b></p>                   |                                                                                       |
| <p><b>NOSE/MUZZLE:</b> Check the nose for lesions, debris or excessive drainage and take note of whether it is wet or dry. (Your pet's nose will not always be wet, it will typically vary from moist to dry throughout the day.) Check for symmetry of the nose and note any differences from one side to the other.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |      |
| <p><b>MOUTH:</b> Check inside the pet's mouth for lesions, swelling, and bad breath. Their gums should be pink, their teeth free of tartar and plaque. Check the tongue and underneath it. Pay special attention to the gums and the roof of the mouth for symmetry or any obvious masses. Pay attention to the normal ridges and ensure that there is no difference from one side from the other. Not all animals are comfortable with checking their mouth. Take it slow if this is the first time working in their mouth (and while you are there, go ahead and give their teeth their weekly brushing - a healthy mouth ensures a healthy pet!)</p> |      |
| <p><b>SKIN:</b> Brush back the hair and look at the skin and coat. Check for excessive flakiness, lumps and bumps. Pay special attention to either side of the spinal cord. Make note of the normal color of the skin. Note any changes in skin color including darker or red spots.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |    |
| <p><b>LEGS:</b> Check for heat, bumps and swelling and test the range of motion of the joints. All joints should move freely with no discomfort to the pet.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |    |
| <p><b>UNDERBELLY:</b> Gently palpate the belly to look for lumps and notice if your pet seems to experience discomfort or pain. Note any bumps, lumps and sensitive areas over the skin. Examine your pet regularly to determine what is normal so you can determine when there are changes.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |    |
| <p><b>EYES:</b> Take a look to see whether there is abnormal eye discharge (each pet has different eye weeping. Pay attention to what is normal for your pet and make note when it increases or decreases.) Check the symmetry between both eyes - consider shape, color, discharge, and active movement. Observe all parts of the eye including the whites of their eyes. Note any change in color including increased redness or graying.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |    |
| <p><b>JAWLINE:</b> checking outside the mouth, the jaw line should maintains a consistent texture along the entire length of the jaw with no sensitivity to touch and is the same on both sides of the mouth.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |    |
| <p><b>EARS:</b> Check the ears for any abnormal swellings, debris, and odor.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |   |
| <p><b>TORSO:</b> Evaluate muscle tone and weight. Note any changes. If your animal is overweight, work to address the issue. Carrying excessive weight can be very harmful to their overall health.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <p><b>FEET:</b> Look at the claws and the pads of their feet, there should be no debris between their toes and should be fairly symmetrical to the alternate side. Examine the nail bed for any abnormal masses or discoloration. Note excessive heat in the paws. Take note to determine what is normal for your pet.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| <p><b>ANUS:</b> Also examine your pet's anus for cleanliness, uniformity and a consistent color.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |



Chase Away K9 Cancer is a proud partner of the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine

Information and demonstrations provided by  
 Dr. Shay Bracha, Clinical Oncologist at the OSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital



***November is Pet Cancer Awareness Month***

***Take a few minutes on the 14th of each month to Do A Check to Chase Away K9 Cancer. Early detection may affect prognosis and treatment!***

**Renew now**

**Rainier Hunting Retriever Club  
2021 Membership Application**



Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Type (Check one): \_\_\_\_ Individual (\$25) \_\_\_\_ Family (\$30)

Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed of Dog(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your interest in any club activities  
by marking an X next to the following volunteer tasks:**

|                                           |                   |                          |                     |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Spring HRT in May</b>                  | Event Chair _____ | Stake Chair _____        | Marshall _____      |
|                                           | Live Gunner _____ | Popper/<br>Thrower _____ | Blind Planter _____ |
| <b>Fall HRT in August</b>                 | Event Chair _____ | Stake Chair _____        | Marshall _____      |
|                                           | Live Gunner _____ | Popper/<br>Thrower _____ | Blind Planter _____ |
| <b>10 Series in June</b>                  | Event Chair _____ | Popper/<br>Thrower _____ | Live Gunner _____   |
| <b>Judging at Spring or Fall<br/>HRTs</b> | Master _____      | Senior _____             | Junior _____        |
|                                           | Apprentice _____  | Apprentice _____         | Apprentice _____    |

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A- To encourage and promote quality in purebred dogs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection

B—To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breeds by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at hunting retriever tests

C—To conduct licensed hunting retriever tests under the rules of the AKC, NAHRA or any other associations or clubs that may sponsor these tests.



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