



# Whippet Tales

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## 2005 Officers & Board

Susan Manthou, President  
Bill Davenport, Vice President  
Janis Castle, Treasurer  
Kerie Sweptson, Recording /  
Corresponding Secretary

### Board Members

Don Cranshaw  
Gail Dunbar  
Laurel Wilks

## Committee Chairs:

Annual Awards: Jeannette Dorsey

Lure Coursing: Jeanette Gersich

Education & Program: Gail Dunbar

Historian: Peggy Hewes

Hospitality: Picnic and Christmas Party:  
Shirley Cassell

Card Broad: Peggy Hewes

Membership: Bill Davenport

Newsletter: Susan Manthou

Property: Albin Gersich

Race : Don Cranshaw

Rescue: Laurel Wilks and Pat Shiley

Show: Helen Brettell

Ways & Means:  
Kerie & Aaron Sweptson

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## Western Washington Whippet Association Meeting Minutes September 28, 2005 Tony Roma's Restaurant

Those in attendance: Peggy Hewes, Janis Castle, Jeanette Dorsey, Laurel Wilks, Diane Salts, Bill Davenport, Diane Davenport, Kerie Swepston, Carol Howley, Shirley Cassell, Aaron Swepston, Sue Hopper, Pat Shiley, Frank Shiley, Joni and Lynn Scroggins, Gail Dunbar.

**Correspondence** – Received paperwork to apply for specialty from AKC for next year. The paperwork was given to Janis Castle for the show chairperson.

**Treasurer's Report** – In summary, the specialty made a profit of \$500 - \$1000 (still estimated). We made money at the ASFA Lure trial at 60 acres when we expected it to lose money. The auction produced \$1015. Our cash balance as of the end of August was \$5,399.70. Lynn Scroggins motioned and Jeanette Dorsey seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

### Committee Reports –

**Nominating Committee**—Still working on securing nominees. Anyone interested in being on the board or officer should notify one of the members of the committee immediately. That would be Kerie Swepston, Jeanette Dorsey or Christine Hopperstad.

**ASFA Lure Coursing** – Events are done for the year with our ASFA trials. Next year the club will be moving the versatility weekend from Memorial Day Weekend to another date due to a conflict with the bid for NAWRA Nationals on the same weekend. Right now the possibility looks like Veterans Day Weekend in November. The 60 acres field is too hard and dry on Labor-Day, and we can't get the polo field in Roy until after Labor Day.

**Race Committee** – Don Cranshaw resigned as race committee chair. Laurel Wilks is seeking to be appointed as the new race committee chairman. The last club race meet of 2005 will be November 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> at the Polo field in Roy.

**Show Committee** – Janis Castle –Next year the committee suggested holding a wine and cheese party on the Friday evening of the specialty for an opportunity to associate with the judges, and for an additional social gathering. Valerie Hamilton has accepted the judging assignment for Saturday regular classes, and David Samuelson has accepted the assignment for Friday regular classes. The prospects for Sweepstakes judges had been contacted but not confirmed at the time of the meeting. We plan to offer both Rally and regular obedience next year. The next committee meeting will be held in conjunction with the Monroe shows. The date of the Specialty Shows will be August 4th and 5th at Argus Ranch. All members should make note of the date of the show weekend.

## Manthous Mumblings

Ah, October and it is still 60 during the day. The rabbits are back around our house and I hope that they stay away from the backyard this year. The dogs really don't like to make that trip outside from the house across the lawn to the kennel at 6 am when it rains. I had to unload my car and take out all my summer stuff for the dogs. The nice weather is over and here comes winter.

I hope everyone really enjoyed the program by Dr. Fry in September. We need to do more of that — very short business meetings and education for the rest of the meeting time. So much to learn about. Thanks Gail for arranging that for us.

Well, some of you have some brags I know because I have seen members dogs win in the ring and on the field this fall. I had to curtail my activities since need to baby a ligament pull in my butt after pulling it at the Gig Harbor show as I ran around the ring. Geez, at least I heard I was graceful when I fell. The judge was holding my dog for me and was looking down at me. It was really embarrassing. 'ello Judge Frost.

The judges are secured for the Specialty show and they are: Friday, David Samuelson Regular Classes and Lisa Costello for Sweep Stakes Classes and Saturday, Valerie Hamilton for Regular Classes and Diane Bowen for Sweep Stakes Classes. The next show committee meeting will be in conjunction with the Monroe shows in November —time, place announced later. Now the planning work begins so please come out to the meeting.

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work and they have prepared the following slate of officers that they will announce at the October meeting. Please look at the end of the minutes and you will see the slate to vote on as proposed by the nominating committee. Plan to attend the November meeting which is the last November of the year after Thanksgiving. We need a quorum to vote the officers into office. Thanks to the committee members, Christine, Kerie, and Jeanette for the work. You are appreciated.

As I write this I am enthusiastically awaiting my retirement date of December 30th after 31 years in the area of Senior Services. The good always comes with some bad and I can't feel the good feeling yet as our cat, Voula ( means Yvonne in Greek) has to be put to sleep after 15 years of being a faithful pet. It sure leaves my heart heavy. SM

## Whippet Tales Newsletter of Western Washington Whippet Association

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### **Submission Deadline: 1st of each month**

Don't hesitate to email or call if you have late information. Will include, if possible.

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### **Membership:**

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For details, contact Bill Davenport, Membership  
Chairperson @ Davenportwd@hotmail.com.

## THIS AND THAT

Please note that Jo and Glenn Sowards email address has changed to :[shadowrunwhippet@direcway.com](mailto:shadowrunwhippet@direcway.com))

Randy Vernon is working on the Club website. The website address is [www.whippet.org](http://www.whippet.org). He is putting on the winner photos of the recent specialty under current events. The newsletter will eventually be on the website also. There has been a suggestion to have a page for each member so that they can post photos of their dogs with links to their website. Randy is exploring a lot of possibilities for us. The website will be discussed further at club meetings and evolve into something that will be informative and reflect the clubs activities and meetings. Any photos that individuals can take during events would be appreciated so that they can go on the website along with the news. Thanks Randy for being our web dude.

**Braggs will be in next Months Newsletter as I only received some of the brags**



**Membership**

Bill Davenport – The club website is up and operating at [wwwwhippet.org](http://wwwwhippet.org). Bill is working on getting the history of the club and older photos for the history section. Susan will work with Randy to get the newsletter put on line. Ideas should go to Bill Davenport.

**Club Events -**

Shirley - The Holiday party will most likely be held at Barnaby’s in Tukwila on either the 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> of December. More information at the next meeting.

**Annual Awards**

There was a suggestion to put the form for application for awards in pdf form on the new club website. Titles earned during the year can be turned in at any point, no need to wait until the awards deadline.

**Program**

Before the business meeting we were treated to a program with Orthopedic surgeon from Issaquah – Dr. Frye. Dr Frye brought x-rays from multiple cases and we had quite an education and discussion about injuries, rehabilitation and development. Thank you Gail for arranging it.

**Rescue – Laurel Wilks**

Laurel reported that it was a bad month for rescue. The dog that she received last month that was found in Covington had to be put to sleep. No one wanted to take him. He had problems peeing in the house, constantly barking, was 13 years old and had liver & kidney problems. Laurel was very disappointed, it was just a bummer. He was a WWA referral rescue.

**Old Business**

**Property – Jenette Mackey-Gersich -**

The Bike – A new bike would cost approximately \$3000. A used bike would cost approximately \$2000. The club discussed the possibility of buying a new (to us) bike with the proceeds from this year’s events. The club needs to wait until there is a Treasurers Report after the clubs get the results from the Specialty. There was discussion about selling the bike we have now, because we are not going to fix it. That way we could use any proceeds from that to use towards a new bike. Laurel moved and Bill seconded to let Jenette and Al sell the bike through whatever means they could (such as e-bay). Motion passed.. Other equipment – next year we will need a couple of new canopies, ours are old, tired and broken.

**No New Business.**

**Card person** – The club sent a card to Gail for condolences on the passing of her mother.

Adjournment -Janis moved and Peggy seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Submitted by Kerie Swepston

**Nominees for the 2006 WWA**

- President: Kerie Swepston**
- Vice President: Bill Davenport**
- Secretary: Peggy Hewes**
- Treasurer: Janis Castle**
- Board Position: Jeanette Dorsey**
- On the Board but not being nominated:**
  - Laurel Wilks 2005-2007**
  - Susan Manthou—Past President**

## Dog Food Information for Ya

### High Quality Dog Food Should Include:



**Superior sources of Protein:** This means either whole, fresh meats or single-source meat meal ( for example, chicken meal rather than poultry.

A whole-meat source as one of the first 2 ingredients ( chicken or chicken meal for instance)

Better yet would be two meat sources among the top three ingredients. Whole, fresh meat is a healthy food for dogs, but also contains a lot of water, and the extra weight of the moisture usually boosts the fresh meat to the top of the list of ingredients ( which by law, are listed in the order of their contributions to the food). If a list of ingredients begins with whole chicken, followed by 3 or more grains and no other meat proteins, it's likely that the food contains way more grain than meat. There is no way to know, since the makers are not required to specify the amounts, or percentages of each ingredient. Dry foods can't contain more than about 50 % meat or other animal products; any more than that the machinery that mixes and extrudes the kibble gets gummed up.

High Quality dry foods should contain a minimum of the following:

**Food Fragments:** Fragments are lower-cost-by-products of another food manufacturing process, such as brewers rice( a waste product of the alcohol industry) and wheat bran ( the fibrous hull removed from the nutritious wheat kernel). Most foods contain at least one fragment, as makers attempt to keep the food affordable. Beware of a product that contains several fragments of a single food. Some food makers do this to disguise an excess of a low-value ingredient. Remember the law dictates that each ingredient be listed separately by weight. When you see an ingredients panel that lists "lamb, rice flour, rice bran, brewer's rice..." be aware that there is more rice in the product than lamb.

**Meat by-products**

Any food containing meat by-products or poultry by-products should not be used. By-products are not intrinsically bad, in fact, many are highly nutritious. However, by-products are less expensive, and are not always handled as carefully or as quickly as expensive foodstuffs. Poor handling or slow transport of these ingredients can decrease their palatability and nutritional content. Dog owners who want quality will find it easier to avoid foods that contain by-products than to confirm the quality of the by-products with the food manufacturer.

**Low Quality Dry food:**

**Generic fats or proteins:** " Animal Fat" for example, can be just about anything: recycled grease from restaurants, or an unwholesome mix of various fats. In this case a preferable ingredient would be " beef fat" or "chicken fat". Animal protein and poultry protein are far inferior to " beef protein" or "chicken protein."

**Artificial preservatives including BHA, BHT, or Ethoxyquin.**

**Artificial Coloring:** Your dog does not care what color his food is. He doesn't need a daily — lifetime— exposure to these unnecessary chemicals.

**Propylene glycol—**This chemical is added to keep some chewy foods moist. The dog doesn't need it.

**Sweeteners:** dogs, like humans, have a taste for sweets. Corn Syrup, sucros, ammoniated glycyrrhizin, and other sweeteners are sometimes added to lower quality foods to increase their appeal. But dietary sugar can aggravate health problems in dogs, including diabetes .

For example:

**Gravy Train Dog Food—** Contains both " animal fat" and "animal digest". Both obtained from unnamable animal sources. Corn and soybean meal are the top two ingredients. Also contains " meat and bone meal" and four artificial colors.

**Bil—Jac Select Dog Food—**Substantial representation of chicken by-products ( 1st) and chicken by products meal 4th on ingredient list.

## **OPPORTUNITY TO BOX TRAIN WITH NWSGA**

**What:** NWSGA box training and lure coursing practice. Straight runs only, adults and puppies, experienced and inexperienced hounds welcome; we will do our best to accommodate your needs. We will have a small whippet-sized two-hole box available for practice. Breeds smaller than whippets are welcome to use the boxes for training; larger breeds will be hand slipped only. We welcome all sighthounds, non-sighthounds and mixed breeds to participate in our practices.

**When:** Sunday, November 6 10:00 AM

(Practice runs will continue for as long as it takes to run each dog twice.

There is no cut-off time for sign-ups, but please show up as early as possible. If you plan to arrive later than noon, please let me know in advance approximately what time you will arrive, so that we know to wait for you, within reason, in case of a light turnout. Please be considerate and understand that we just cannot wait around for you all day...)

**Where:** Frohning's Farm, regular practice field - just south of Monroe.  
Unfenced field. Directions below.

**How much:** \$4 per car (for the property owner) plus \$2 per dog (for NWSGA)

**Directions to the field** (there is a detailed map on our website: go to <http://www.nwsga.com> and click on 'Events & Schedules.')

**FROM THE NORTH** (I-5 Southbound), take exit 194 (US-2 to Snohomish/Wenatchee). Follow US-2 for approximately 15 miles to Monroe. Go under WA-522 and then turn right at the 2nd light onto Lewis Street/WA-203.

Go approximately 3 miles, and turn right onto 203rd St (just past the 'S' curves). Turn right at the stop sign onto Tualco Road. Take the first left onto Tualco Loop Rd. Go past the Fish & Wildlife parking area, past the farm house, and turn left at the Sky Valley Tractor Club sign. Follow the driveway back behind the barn and park on the gravel lot.

**FROM THE SOUTH** (I-405 Northbound), take exit 23 (WA-522 to Woodinville/Wenatchee). Follow WA-522 approximately 14 miles to Monroe, all the way to the end where 522 intersects with US-2. Turn left on US-2. At the 2nd light, turn right on Lewis Street/WA-203. Go approximately 3 miles, and turn right onto 203rd St (just past the 'S' curves). Turn right at the stop sign onto Tualco Road. Take the first left onto Tualco Loop. Go past the Fish & Wildlife parking area, past the farm house, and turn left at the Sky Valley Tractor Club sign. Follow the driveway back behind the barn and park on the gravel lot.

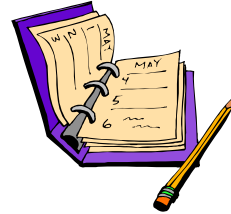
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<http://www.nwsga.com>

**IMPORTANT:** The Frohnings have requested that we not allow any parking on the field. Parking for our practice will be on the gravel lot behind the barn.

Please note as well that the field we use is private property but borders Fish & Wildlife land. It is hunting season and there are hunters with dogs traversing the edge of the field from the F&W parking lot to the F&W land next to the field. There is no hunting allowed on the private property on which we are running, and there are NO HUNTING signs clearly posted along the edge of the field, but if you have a dog who may be noise sensitive, please be aware that there may be some gunfire in the nearby vicinity and plan accordingly.

**HOLIDAY PARTY  
FOR CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

**Put this on your calendar**



**December 11, 2005, Sunday  
5pm Cocktails - 6 pm Dinner  
Barnaby's Restaurant  
16401 West Valley Highway  
Tukwilia, WA  
425-251-8341**

**Prizes, Gift Exchange, Club bonding, over eating,  
And a little burping.**

**Contact Gail, Shirley and Sue for more information or to  
help them with this end of the year occasion.  
More in the November Newsletter.**

You better be dog  
gone good. I'm  
watching you.



## Western Washington Whippet Association

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### Reminder Notice:



## Western Washington Whippet Association

*October General Membership Meeting*

When: **Wednesday, October 26, 2005** Time: **7:00 p.m.**

Where: **Tony Romas Restaurant**  
17305 South Center Pkwy in Tukwila

### Directions to General Membership Meeting

**From I-5 South:** Take the **WA-518/Southcenter Blvd. & Mall Exit** towards Burien/Sea-Tac Airport, exit **#154B**. Turn Left on **Renton Three Tree Point Rd/S 154th St./Southcenter Blvd.** Continue on **Renton Three Tree Point Rd/Southcenter Blvd.** Continue on **Southcenter Blvd.** Turn Right on **61st Ave S/Southcenter Blvd/Southcenter Pkwy.** Turn Right on **Southcenter Pkwy.** The nearest cross street is **Minkler Blvd.**

**From I-405 South:** Take the **Southcenter Blvd/I-5 North** exit towards **Southcenter Mall.** Bear Right on **Renton Three Tree Point Rd/Southcenter Blvd.** Continue on **Southcenter Blvd.** Turn Right on **61st Ave S/Southcenter Blvd/Southcenter Pkwy.** Turn Right on **Southcenter Pkwy.** The nearest cross street is **Minkler Blvd.**

**From I-5 North:** Take the **Southcenter Parkway** exit towards **Tukwila**, exit **#153.** Turn Right on **Southcenter Pkwy.** The nearest cross street is **Minkler Blvd.**