



Whippet Tales

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WESTERN WASHINGTON WHIPPET ASSOCIATION ASFA FIELD TRIAL

APRIL 15 AND 16

ROY POLO FIELD

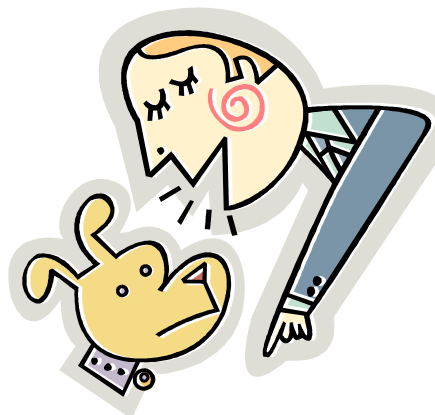
JUDGES: Valorie Hill, Beth Levine, Vern Staack

Lure Operator: Al Gersich

Trial Chair—Laurel Wilks Trial Secretary Jenette
Mackey-Gersich

Italian Theme for the potluck - with a prize to the best food item

As always - THE COMMITTEE needs and encourage volunteers - The premium should be available soon - it's in to ASFA for approval - e-mail me/call me if you want a hard copy mailed to me & you are not on the Region 1 mailing list. Otherwise - I will bring copies to the March meeting & it will be available on-line to download



Kerie' Korner



First of all, don't forget about the March 29th membership meeting.

Our friends who have been off becoming enlightened in their clicker training classes and completing their CGCs are going to share. Be sure to find the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

On a bit of a bummer note, and one to cause concern is that once again at the February meeting, even with membership renewals not complete, we didn't have a quorum. This means that no club business can be accomplished, and that the agenda item of passing annual budgets for all committees could not happen. This also means that officially, we can not hold club events spending club funds until these budgets are passed. Our first performance weekend sponsored by this club is April 1st. We absolutely need a quorum at the March meeting to pass this budget, and all of the other budgets.

On a positive note, there has been much discussion throughout this month on the yahoo e-mail list regarding the problem of attendance at meetings. For those of you who aren't subscribed to that list, first of all I would suggest subscribing to it, but secondly, I will try to highlight the conversations.

There is much discussion about the reason why people don't attend meetings, for various reasons, and discussion about how to make the meetings more attractive for people to come to. There is also healthy discussion about making the club an attractive thing to belong to, and something that we can encourage new members to join. On the other side of the coin, we are discussing solutions to business coming to a standstill when a quorum is not met. Some ideas include:

- Quarterly meetings, or meetings at events (still meeting 6 times per year per the constitution)
 - Allowing proxy or write-in voting
 - Creating separate classifications of membership for purposes of calculating a quorum
 - Changing the quorum percentage requirement
- Giving the board more authority

We will not be able to make decisions on changes to the way we do business immediately, and it is not to be handled lightly. I encourage each of you to participate in the discussion either via the yahoo e-mail list (so the whole group can read the comments) or by contacting a board member if you are not subscribed to the list.

One thing that is constant is change. All of our lives change, the needs of the club change, technology changes. We just need to take a look at the best way to keep up with and manage change in the most effective way for this club.

Regards, Kerie

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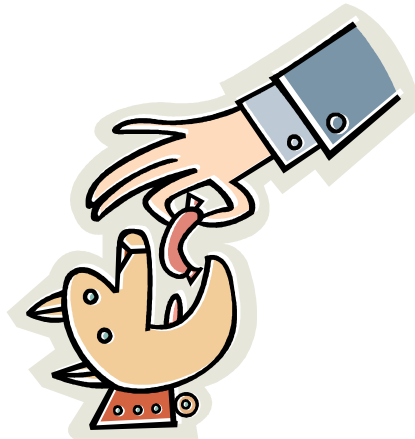
MARCH MEETING PROGRAM

Laurel, Jenette and Diane are going to talk to us and lead discussion about how the clicker training works, how their whippets did, and what all is involved in the Canine Good Citizen test.

Clicker training is a hot topic, the dog community has been excited about it, and it is said to work remarkably well.

What will it take if we each want to do it? How do the whippets respond? How do you train in a household with several other dogs? Come find out from our own peers who've just been through it.

What does your dog need to be able to do to earn its CGC? How hard is it to get there? Find out at the meeting in March!



AWARDS DINNER

MAY 20, 2006

**At BARNABY'S RESTAURANT
TUKWILLA, WASHINGTON**

6:00 PM Cocktails & Dinner at 7:00 PM



Menu

Members can select dinner choice of the menu

**RSVP by to DIANE SALTS
By May 13th
@ Diannesalts@comcast.net
360-481-6365
8510 Martin Way E #18
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**Awards Applications are due by April 1, 2006
Please email or mail them to Diane
Put WWVA Awards on the envelop and include your
verified information with all applications.**

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Reminder Notice:



Western Washington Whippet Association

March General Membership Meeting

When: Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Tony Roma's Restaurant

17305 South Center Parkway 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.