

Walla Walla Kennel Club, Inc.
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Dear New Member:

The members of the Walla Walla Kennel Club would like to take this opportunity to welcome you. We are a non-profit organization which came into existence September 10, 1940. The primary role of the club is to protect and advance the interests of purebred dogs and encourage sportsman-like competition at the conformation, obedience, agility, and rally trials and dog shows under the rules of the American Kennel Club. Our membership consists of a hardworking group of people who keep this goal in mind.

As a member, you will be mailed a wonderful monthly newsletter that keeps you up-to-date on the latest club activities, committees, brags, and events. You are welcome to join our **general membership meetings** on the **third Wednesday** of each month currently being held at **the home of Jim & Jan Robles in Walla Walla**. You are also welcome to attend our monthly **board meetings** held on the **first Tuesday** of every month. The location of each month's board meeting is posted on our website as the location often changes.

The WWKC holds several events including:

- An annual dog show **usually** held on the last week of April.
- Seminars on dog related subjects such as behavior, etiquette, specific breeds, and much more.
- An annual banquet and award ceremony.
- Conformation and Obedience practice.
- The annual Christmas Party.
- Canine Good Citizen Test and Temperament Testing.
- "Dogs on Parade" or "Meet the Breeds".
- Our newest event, the Dog Fest.

Walla Walla Kennel Club also makes many financial donations to several other organizations including, 4-H Dog activities, Blue Mountain Humane Society, WSU Veterinarian School, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Take the Lead, and many others.

Our club looks forward to getting to know you, your family, and all your canine friends. Our hope is that your membership with the Walla Walla Kennel Club is a meaningful, active, and long-lasting partnership that brings you and your dog(s) much joy. It gives us much pleasure to say, "Welcome to the Walla Walla Kennel Club. We are glad you're here."

Sincerely yours,

All the members of the WWKC

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Walla Walla Kennel Club Annual Events

Annual Banquet & Award Ceremony

Held in January or February, members and their dogs are recognized for their previous years' accomplishments while enjoying great conversations with fellow members.

Dog Show

Usually held on the last weekend in April. Members are encouraged to volunteer to set up before the show and break down after, steward a ring, or help with hospitality. We offer training for those who have never stewarded before or anyone who would like a refresher course. The club provides lunch at the show site for all volunteers. We also present the Arline G Kaminski Award during the show, which honors a club member for their dedication to the club in the previous year.

Annual Picnic

Held in the summer at a local park; the club provides chicken, drinks, and cake. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share with the club members. It is an opportunity to mix and mingle with other club members outside the membership and board meetings.

Dog Fest

Our first annual Dog Fest was held in October 2009 and was a great success considering it was our first. Members are encouraged to have a booth to educate the public about their specific breed. We also have vendors, a pet communicator, food, Dachshund Dash, pet costume contest, mock Dog Show, and Obedience, Agility, and Lure Course Demonstrations. The public is encouraged to bring their well-behaved pets to join the fun and enjoy the day together.

Christmas Party

Held during our December general membership meeting, the club provides drinks while members are asked to bring finger food. We play Robber Bingo and have dog-oriented wrapped gifts. It is a wonderful time to come together and enjoy the holiday spirit.

Other Kennel Club Activities and Committees

Club members are encouraged to volunteer to chair a committee or help with other activities. This is a great way to enjoy the company of other canine-minded individuals. The club has Mutt Mitt dispensers in several Walla Walla parks. Members volunteer to regularly check and refill dispensers. We have Handling Practice, when there is enough membership interest, so speak up if you'd like to see this on the calendar as well as any other dog related activities. We try to have an educational lecture or demonstration during several general membership meetings each year. We welcome positive ideas for other educational activities that members may have. Remember, this is YOUR club now, so speak up, volunteer and implement ideas that you would like see come into reality.