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# Harmony Notes



## Message from the President

### Next Meeting

Sunday,

August 18, 2002

1/2 hour after ring time

Enumclaw

fairgrounds

Enumclaw,

Washington

(Picnic tables next to snack bar)

Didja ever have “one of those days?” Well, I’ve been having “one of those days” all dang week! There comes a time in one’s life when ya just hafta say “ENOUGH!”

This week has been full of deadlines...the premium list had to go out...AKC needs information on our licensing process...JoAnn needs the BIS ad...JoAnn needs the congratulations ad...JoAnn needs the Gibson ad...JoAnn needs the Junior Showmanship article...Deb needs the Prez letter for the newsletter...Tina needs help on her new club’s affiliation proposal...the boss man is going on vacation for a couple of weeks (well, maybe that’s not such a bad thing!!) and on top of it all – MY CHAIR

BROKE!! And it’s my COMPUTER DESK CHAIR – the audacity!

I guess I really needed a new chair, any way – my poor ol’ chair had seen it’s fair share of puppy teeth, and was looking a bit tattered...okay, I’ll admit it: it is more than a bit tattered – it’s ugly enough that I’m not sure I even want to take it to the dump, for fear someone I actually KNOW might see it! Mmmmm...I wonder if that’s a chore I can delegate (won’t Todd love me for that!).

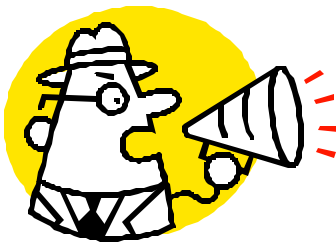
Speaking of premium lists...you probably already have yours in the mail. By popular vote of the club members, Kim has hired three

great judges for our September specialty – and we’ll have a tremendous end of Summer blowout. Don’t know about you, but I’m looking forward to “No Ties, No Sportcoats – and NO Pantyhose!”

I’m off to the store to go buy that new office chair I’ve been coveting for the past year...isn’t it great when a plan comes together? Now, if I could just get someone else do my month end closeout – this week would end on a spectacular note!

**Cyndi ==)**

## Don’t Let This Be Your Last One!



Have you renewed your HBCSPC membership yet? If not, this is the last *Harmony Notes* you’ll receive. Membership dues are to be paid by July 1 of each year.

It’s easy to renew your membership to Harmony Bay. Simply send your check for membership to:

**HBCSPC**  
P.O. Box 3126  
Lacey, WA 98509-3126

Membership dues are:  
\$25/individual; \$20/family (two adult members and children under the age of 10); \$15/newsletter only; and \$10 Junior (10 to 17 years of age).

While you’re renewing, consider sponsoring an issue of *Harmony Notes*! For \$25, you can sponsor one month of this newsletter, and we’ll even thank you in print! Even if you never want to serve on a committee or attend meetings, this is a great way to support the club!

## Meeting Minutes 7/14/02

**Meeting held at:** HBCSPC Set-Up, Brush Prairie Show

**In attendance:** Cyndi Skinner, Gina Michaelson, Deb Lewy, Donna Michaelson, David Lewy, Savanna Skinner, Todd Skinner, Linda Graling, Don Graling, Devis Lewy, Shea Skinner, Bonnie Stoney

The meeting was called to order by Cyndi at 2:30 p.m.

### Minutes

No minutes were read.

### President's Report

No President's report.

### Secretary's Report

Deb indicated that the club needed to turn in a new signature card for the checking account. Linda, Deb, and Cyndi all signed the form and will be able to sign club checks. All checks must have a double signature.

### Treasurer's Report

Linda reported on the monies in the account. She said there are still files missing on the Quicken CD that Deb gave to her—Deb will check on this. Linda will still try to track down one of the NSF checks from the show; she will redeposit the other check as there is money now in the member's account.

### Reports from Committees

**September Show.** Cyndi reported on the show, judges and costs. We have signed contracts from all judges. Cyndi has purchased all trophies (in a beach theme) for the show and was reimbursed during the meeting.

**Trophy Sponsorships/Sept. Show.** Cyndi said all but a few trophies have been sponsored for the September 21 show!

### Old Business

**Membership** Cyndi read Vicky Teshera's membership application. Deb reported on members whose renewals we have received in the P.O. box. It was decided that all members would receive the August newsletter; after that, if a member has not renewed, he or she will not receive a newsletter.

**Fun Match.** Kim's friend Randy offered her large estate as a site for our fun match. Linda Graling said she would organize a fun match for the club.

**2004 Nationals.** Cyndi reported that two other clubs have indicated an interest in hosting 2004 CSPCA Nationals. We are the only club to submit a bid so far, however. Cyndi and Deb repeated that it is an honor to have been asked to submit a bid.

### New Business

**Ad for BIS.** The club decided to sponsor an ad touting Tony's BIS win in Mt. Vernon. Cyndi will design the ad and submit it as part of her contract with The Barker, saving the club money.

**Ads for Winners at CSPCA Nationals.** Cyndi is coordinating a Barker ad for HBCSPC winners at Nationals. She will design and submit the ad; members who are listed in the ad will share the cost of the ad.

**4H Trophies.** Donna asked that the club help sponsor 4H trophies for the dog match at the fair in August. The board has agreed to donate \$50 to 4H for this purpose.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

## Barbecue Madness!



HBCSPC had its second annual barbecue at the Brush Prairie dog show on July 13. Attended by more than 25 members and guests, the barbecue featured steaks, hamburgers, salads, chips, and lots of goodies! Thanks to Todd and Don for their NEW barbecues, and of course to Elvin for another GREAT job of cooking! Yum!



*Todd barbecues against a sunset at the HBCSPC setup.*



*Donna helps Quincy enjoy the festivities!*

## Which Dogs Bite?

*This is a continuation of a series of articles taken from "A Community Approach to Dog Bite Prevention" from the Journal of the American Veterinary Association. A member of the task force is Robert C. Gloster, MD, FACEP.*

An often-asked question is what breed or breeds of dogs are most "dangerous"? This inquiry can be prompted by a serious attack by a specific dog, or it may be the result of media-driven portrayals of a specific breed as "dangerous." Although this is a common concern, singling out 1 or 2 breeds for control can result in a false sense of accomplishment. Doing so ignores the true scope of the problem and will not result in a responsible approach to protecting a community's citizens.

Dog bite statistics are not really statistics, and they do not give an accurate picture of dogs that bite. Invariably the numbers will show that dogs from popular large breeds are a problem. This should be expected, because big dogs can physically do more damage if they do bite, and any popular breed has more individuals that could bite. Dogs from small breeds also bite and are capable of causing severe injury.

There are several reasons why it is not possible to calculate a bite rate for a breed or to compare rates between breeds. First, the breed of the biting dog may not be accurately recorded, and mixed-breed dogs are commonly described as if they were

purebreds. Second, the actual number of biters that occur in a community is not known, especially if they did not result in serious injury. Third, the number of dogs of a particular breed or combination of breeds in a community is not known, because it is rare for all dogs in a community to be licensed, and existing licensing data is then incomplete. Breed data likely vary between communities, states, or regions, and can even vary between neighborhoods within a community.

Wolf hybrids are just that: hybrids between wild and domestic canids. Their behavior is unpredictable because of this hybridization, and they are usually treated as wild animals by local or state statutes. Wolf hybrids are not addressed by [the task force's] program.

Sex differences do emerge from data on various types of aggression. Intact (unneutered) male dogs represented 80% of dogs presented to veterinary behaviorists for dominance aggression, the most commonly diagnosed type of aggression. Intact males are also involved in 70 to 76% of reported dog bite incidents.

The sex distribution of dogs inflicting unreported bites is not known. Unspayed females that are not part of a carefully planned breeding program may attract free-roaming males, which increases bite risk to people through increased exposure to unfamiliar dogs. Dams are protective of their puppies and may bite those who try to handle the young. Unspayed females may also contribute to the population of unwanted dogs that are

often acquired by people who do not understand the long-term commitment they have undertaken, that are surrendered to animal shelters where many are destroyed, or that are turned loose under the misconception that they can successfully fend for themselves.



### Bite Factors

Statistics on fatalities and injuries caused by dogs cannot be responsibly used to document the "dangerousness" of a particular breed, relative to other breeds. A dog's tendency to bite depends on at least 5 interacting factors:

1. Heredity
2. Early experience
3. Later socialization and training
4. Health (medical and behavioral)
5. Victim behavior

*For more information, see JAVMA, Vol. 218, No. 11, June 1, 2001.*



Want to know what to do to prevent dog bites? Or what to do IF you or if someone you know gets bitten?

The American Veterinary Medical Association, in with State Farm Insurance, has published a Web site filled with useful information about dogs and dog bites. Take a look!

<http://www.avma.org/pres/dogbite/dogbitebroc.asp>

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## Wags, Brags, & Info



Cyndi Skinner takes WB/BOS/BIM with her puppy, Rhumba at the Clark County Kennel Club match on Saturday, July 13. Congratulations, Cyndi!

Thanks to Steve Best for sponsoring this month's newsletter!



Tony Carter takes BIS at the Bell-Vernon show in Mt. Vernon with JR on June 29. Way to go, Tony!