



Dog Powered Sports

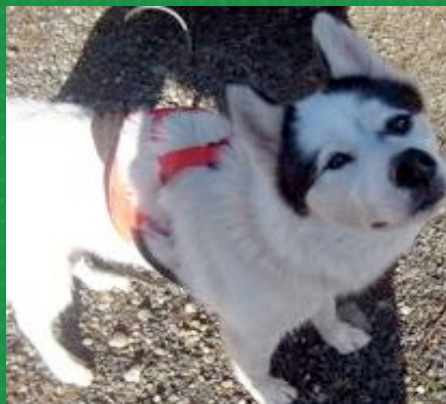
Dog powered sports are growing in popularity. Dog owners are recognizing that a well exercised dog is a happy dog. Last weekend, in Tenino, WA, Alpha Pet, a natural pet food store located in Tenino, put on a pet play day in the local park. What an amazing success this event enjoyed. K9 and dogscooter.com had booths offering rides, information, harness fitting, and demonstrations. There must have been over one hundred dogs of all shapes, ages, and breeds that stopped by our booth to see if they too could pull a scooter or a sulky. This has inspired me to do more local events and offer classes. Exercising the dog can be so much fun for both the human and the four legged. It certainly has obvious health benefits but beyond that it creates new patterns, both physically and mentally, which in turn creates a healthier emotional environment and open up doorways to new opportunities and new friends.

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“COMMEMORATIVE 1925 SERUM RUN EXPEDITION

Local mushers Don Duncan and Margaret Black were selected to run in the 2007 Norman Vaughan Serum Run. Don ran his team of purebred Samoyeds and Margaret ran her team of purebred Siberian Huskies. Each of them had snow machine support and traveled from village to village through some of the coldest temperatures Alaska had experienced in years. They put together a wonderful photo and video presentation of their journey. We will keep you posted on the next opportunity see their story. For more information on the 1925 Serum Run visit the official website listed below and read “The Cruellest Miles: The Heroic Story of Dogs and Men in a Race Against an Epidemic” by Gay Salisbury and Laney Salisbury.

“COMMEMORATIVE 1925 SERUM RUN EXPEDITION

The Norman Vaughan Serum Run 25 is a dog team/snow machine journey from Nenana to Nome, a distance of 776 miles (mileage varies due to trail conditions). The first commemorative race was run in 1997. The reason for this annual trip is two fold. First, it is to commemorate the twenty men and their dog teams who relayed crucial diphtheria serum to Nome, saving countless lives. Second, and more importantly, it is to widen the awareness throughout Alaska of the need for inoculations for every single child.”

Text taken from the website listed below

"<http://www.serumrun.org/>" <http://www.serumrun.org/>

July 10, 2007

Long Ago Against Diphtheria, the Heroes Were Horses
By HOWARD MARKEL, M.D.

The Claremont Riding Academy, on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, shut its doors for good a few months ago. As the oldest continuously operated stable in New York City, it reached back to an era when horses were as common as taxis are today, and it prompted thoughts of some of New York most heroic horses: the 13 beasts of burden used in 1894 to produce the miracle drug of their day, diphtheria antitoxin.

The horses and their successors were stabled for nearly two decades at the New York College of Veterinary Surgeons, on East 57th Street and Third Avenue. Initially joined by a few sheep, goats and dogs, the horses prevailed because they were larger and better antitoxin factories: when systematically injected with diphtheria toxin, their immune systems were prompted to develop neutralizing antibodies against the germ's poison. (Most survived the injections with nothing more than a fever and loss of appetite, but over the years quite a few horses succumbed to even tiny doses of toxin.)

At the time, diphtheria was one of the most common killers of children ages 2 to 14. Its name comes from the Greek for leather because the organism that causes it, *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, induces a thick, tenacious membrane at the back of the throat that blocks the airway. Even when doctors insert a tube to prevent suffocation, the microbe remains a deadly threat by secreting a toxin that can cause paralysis and heart and kidney damage within weeks.

From 1890 to 1893, the physicians Emil von Behring of Berlin and Emile Roux of Paris independently developed effective diphtheria antitoxin to counteract the disease. During the summer of 1894, when Dr. Hermann Biggs, the chief bacteriologist of the New York City Health Department, made a scientific tour of Europe, Dr. Behring and Dr. Roux were using horses to produce antitoxin on a grand scale with stunning results; it staved off death in as many as half of all cases, especially if administered within 24 hours of infection.

So impressed by what was essentially human history's first effective treatment against a devastating infectious disease, Dr. Biggs ran to the nearest telegraph office to wire his colleagues to obtain some horses immediately. There was one hitch. Dr. Biggs needed \$27,000 for this life-saving effort, but the city did not apportion the budget until Jan. 1, 1895. Dr. Biggs wanted to start immediately because the Process of ripening a horse to produce antitoxin required three to six months; consequently, he and a colleague, Dr. T. Mitchell Prudent, paid for the horses themselves.

The animals were injected with toxin starting in October. By December, they were subjected to regular blood draws, in which one to four pints were removed and refrigerated for a few days. The antitoxin serum was then separated from the clotted blood and purified using chemical techniques developed by health department bacteriologists.

The first doses of what became a steady supply of diphtheria antitoxin was available on Jan. 1, 1895. The results were striking. In 1894, there were 2,870 diphtheria deaths in New York City; by 1900, the number was down to 1,400, and it declined steadily in the following decades.

Diphtheria antitoxin was one of the first of a long line of medical media sensations that have come to characterize our culture. The New York Herald organized a public fund-raising drive to support the antitoxin stable. Magazines and newspapers around the globe clamored to report on the antitoxin horses.

Ever conscious of the importance of public relations when it came to public health, Dr. Biggs took great pains to explain how the horses were treated like hospital patients, how the healthiest of horses were selected for this vital task, and that the animals were fed wholesome food and lived in pristine stables.

In 1906, 59 antitoxin horses (some retired from the police force, others purchased from farmers) were moved to Otisville, in upstate New York, where the city health department maintained a 175-acre animal farm and tuberculosis sanitarium. That year, the city operated 318 stations in all five boroughs where physicians could get immediate access to fresh antitoxin, including \$104,000 in free antitoxin for the poor. In addition, at least that much was sold to health departments around the nation. The health department continued to mass-produce antitoxin until well after World War II.

From the 1950s to the 1980s, commercial companies assumed control of manufacturing vaccines and blood-based products, and municipal and state health departments around the nation phased out such activities. The Otisville facility was sold to a biotech company in 1987 with the stipulation that the retired horses living there would be cared for until they died.

Safe, effective diphtheria vaccines have been administered to American children since the 1940s, transforming the killer into a forgotten malady, at least in this country. In 1990, a major epidemic erupted in the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and parts of Asia where large numbers of people had not been immunized.

For those stricken, antitoxin remained the treatment of choice. That epidemic appears to be tamed thanks to vigorous vaccination practices, but it serves a potent warning that even preventable illnesses inevitably re-emerge when we let down our guard.

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Tick Alert

Recently, while traveling on the Yelm-Tenino bike trail, I encountered Ixodes-the deer tick. This was in the area south of Macintosh Lake. I was shocked to find ticks on my dog, having lived in western Washington my entire life and having never seen them on the dogs. I know they are here, but mainly east of the Mountains. So, having found them on Red Devil, not to worry, he was on Frontline Plus. Two weeks later, my vet found an engorged tick on Devil, followed by several more which had been deeply buried in Siberian Husky fur. I should not have found live ticks on a dog treated with Frontline Plus. I called Merial, makers of Frontline, and was reimbursed. Be aware that the ticks might be developing immunity to the Frontline Plus. If you find a tick on your dog, use some tweezers to carefully remove it, making sure you get the head. Clean the area, and apply some topical antibiotic if necessary. Watch for any inflammation.

May 3, Saturday, 8 am
Lake Wilderness in the City of Maple Valley sponsored by
Donna Morton LikeSalt@aol.com

Events

May 17, Saturday, 8 am
Iron Horse Trail at Rattlesnake Lake sponsored by Brad & Brielle Rasmussen
rasbrad@comcast.net

June 7, Saturday, 10 am
Wynoochee on the south edge of the Olympic Mountains sponsored by Sue Scofield
"mailto:barnstormer@fairpoint.net" barnstormer@fairpoint.net and Les VanBrunt
"mailto:dogdriver@comcast.net" dogdriver@comcast.net

July 12
K9 Summer Clinic at Sue Scofield's in Rainier, WA We will have our first run through of Page 5
the Dog Powered Urban Train Dog Title (DPUTT). As you pass each level, you will
receive a certificate and a rocker patch to go with the K9scooters NW club patch. For
non-members, this event will cost \$25. We are also planning on holding a bike/
scooter maintenance clinic on the same day.

August 8 - 10
Sixth Annual Snoqualmie Tunnel Run & Camp Out at Lake Easton State Park sponsored
by K9scootersNW and Northwest Sled Dog Association. There will be events over the
weekend but the tunnel run itself will be on Saturday at 10AM. Make your reservations
now at Lake Easton State Park as it fills up. <http://www.parks.wa.gov/reserve.asp>

September 27 & 28
Annual Campout Goose
Creek Campground
sponsored by Carole and Jeff
Parsons
malamute77@aol.com

October 4 & 5
Pinewood Scooter run in
eastern British Columbia,
Canada sponsored by Alpine
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November 15 & 16
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The scooter runs are open to all levels. Please RSVP to the host if you are planning on coming. We can provide an extra scooter, line and/or harness. For more information contact Susan Scofield barnstormer@fairpoint.net

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By-Laws of the Scooter Club

The purpose of this document is to define the by-laws for a new dog-scooter club in the Pacific Northwest. The provisions of these by-laws describe the following: the name and purpose of the organization; the membership of the Board of Directors; the duties of the officers; procedures for elections and amendments to these by-laws; dues and membership criteria; activities of the organization.

DATE

These by-laws were first ratified on April 9, 2006.

DETAILS OF REVISION

3/19/2006

Created draft; inserted table with provisional duties.

4/2/2006

Second draft; incorporated revisions from 3/26/2006 business meeting

4/7/2006

Incorporated review comments.

4/17/2006

Incorporated revisions approved at April 9 business meeting; by-laws ratified in present form.

Section I. Name, Purpose, and Symbols of the Organization

1) Name of the Organization

The name of the organization is K9ScootersNW. This name shall also be used as the domain name. The organization is a dog-scooter club for the Pacific Northwest.

2) Mission Statement

The mission of the organization is to promote dog powered sports for small teams.

3) Goals

To support the mission stated in the preceding article, the organization shall pursue the following objectives: [1] to formalize existing activities and continue to host events, [2] to encourage the formation of other regional clubs and affiliates.

Secondary goals: The organization advocates for giving dogs a job, and keeping dogs healthy through activities. The organization wants to work with other organizations to conserve trails, and promote shared use of trails.

4) Activities

The focus of the organization is on dryland dog pulling sports, meaning dogs pulling people on scooters, roller blades, skateboards, and bicycles; sulky driving; and canicross.

Group activities related to these dog sports might include: fun runs; races; workshops and clinics; trials for scooter titles; fun events such as a "scooter Olympics."

5) Legal Status and Liability of the Organization

The organization is a non-profit organization incorporated in the state of Washington.

The organization will solicit and accept donations for the purpose of furthering its objectives. Revenues shall be managed and expended in accordance with state and federal law governing nonprofit organizations. No part of any profits or residue from dues or donations may accrue to the benefit of any member or officer. (This does not include race prizes.)

No debt or obligation shall be incurred in the name of the organization by any of its members or officers without the authorization of the Board of Directors. The organization is not liable for anything. No one has any money anyway.

The charter of the organization shall be suspended when there is insufficient interest among members to maintain a full slate of officers. Formal dissolution of the organization shall be effected by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors. After dissolution of the organization, any assets remaining shall be distributed to charitable organizations that benefit dogs, or given to affiliate organizations.

6) Operating Year

The fiscal and operating year begins on April 1.

7) Regional Chapters

The headquarters of the organization is in the Puget Sound area of Washington State. Page: 7

Members who live outside the Puget Sound area and cannot easily attend events are encouraged to form a regional chapter or affiliated club.

Any regional chapter can send one member to meetings of the Board of Directors as a full member of the Board.

8) Special Marks or Symbols

The organization shall have a logo that is used on the web site, on any certificates or prizes, and in the newsletter.

The right to use the logo is reserved for officers of the organization in pursuit of the duties of the organization. Rights to use the logo and name of the organization in publication or other communications can be awarded on a temporary basis by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section II. Membership and Dues

9) Membership Types

The following types of memberships are available:

Standard: Individual, no age restriction, member has full racing privileges.

Family: Multiple people in same household; each member has full racing privileges.

Honorary member: Reserved for special affiliate members; has full racing privileges.

For more information on conditions that may affect racing privileges, see the special section on Racing and Rules.

Criteria for membership include payment of dues, and submission of an application. The Webmaster shall provide a form on the web site where prospective members can apply for membership.

The membership year begins on April 1. Members are required to pay their dues to the Treasurer or Secretary before that date. All dues shall be payable to the organization.

During the first quarter of the year, the Secretary will remind members of the need to renew membership by paying dues before April 1. This statement can be sent by e-mail unless the member has opted for hard copy. Reminders shall also be posted on the Web site.

Dues cannot be prorated if membership begins after that date.

If a nonmember participates in a race, but later becomes a member, the additional nonmember portion of the race fee cannot be refunded.

10) Terms of Membership

11) Rights and Obligations of Members; Expulsion

Upon payment of annual dues, a person shall become a member of the organization and shall be eligible to race in races and participate in all events. Nonmembers may participate in certain events, but may be charged an additional nonmember fee.

Any member whose dues are paid in full may vote.

In the case of family memberships, only those family members who actively engage in organization activities, including racing, workshops, etc., may vote. Non-participating family members are requested not to vote.

The Board of Directors and the membership reserve the right to refuse membership to anyone or to eject members for cause. Cause may include abuse of animals as determined by the Rules of Racing, or misuse of the organization's name.

12) Changes in Dues and Other Fees

Dues are set by the Board of Directors, and any changes to the schedule of dues must be approved by a majority of the membership present at the annual meeting.

Dues are used for the following purposes:

- Providing insurance for events
- Hosting events
- Providing prizes
- Producing the newsletter
- Funding operation of the organization's web site
- Purchasing administrative supplies
- Other activities as approved by the Board of Directors.

Section III Board of Directors, Officers, and Elections

13) Duties of the Board of Directors

The corporate powers of this organization shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors will conduct the routine business of the organization, and can make decisions that are binding on the organization, except where otherwise prohibited.

The Board shall be elected for two-year terms at the Club's annual meeting, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

The duties of the Board of Directors are to appoint all committees. The Board of Directors can delegate this authority to the President as needed.

14) Members of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is comprised of the following officers of the organization, and any members-at-large. The President of the club shall serve as Chairperson of the Board.

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Newsletter Editor
- Treasurer/Membership



The following Committees shall also provide a single representative to the Board of Directors, usually the Committee chair:

- Activities Committee
- Race Committee

The following officers are not part of the Board of Directors, but these officers will attend Board meetings as necessary and may participate in all activities of the organization:

- Webmaster(s)

The term of office for the Board of Directors shall be their tenure as an officer of the club; however, the past President shall serve as a special at-large member for one year after his or her term has expired.

15) Duties of the Officers

This section describes the duties of the individual officers and/or their legal capabilities

President

§ Preside at all meetings.

- § Oversee and supervise the operations of the club, subject to the concurrence of the Board of Directors.
- § Solicit and appoint members for special committees.
- § Conduct interviews and publicity.
- § Coordinate with affiliates.

Vice-President

- § Act as trophy and point chairman and maintain the club scrapbook.
- § Exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's absence.
- § Any tasks delegated by the president.

Secretary (membership, general business)

- § Keep detailed and permanent minutes of all meetings, including the proceedings of the Board of Directors.
- § Keep a roll of the members with their addresses and other pertinent information.
- § Furnish all members with a copy of the bylaws.
- § Publish point system; maintain and publish points records of all racers.
- § Appoint racing judges and other officials.
- § Adjudicate disputes regarding competition and titles.

16) Selection of Officers

Officers are elected in an annual business meeting of the organization. Officers can be nominated either by volunteering or by nomination by another member. Officers can also be nominated by written proxy.

Voting shall be limited to members in good standing. Any member in good standing can vote in absentee by providing a written vote to an officer of the organization.

A printed e-mail message is acceptable when submitting a written proxy for voting or nominations

Any member is eligible for any office. However, to serve as a regular officer of the organization, the member must be an adult (18 or over). There are no restrictions on the age of committee chair persons or other special officers.

17) Vacancies and Removal of Officers

A member of the Board of Directors should submit a written resignation at least one month in advance. The resignation can be submitted in e-mail but must be sent to all officers of the Board.

The secretary shall then add the notification of the vacancy to the agenda for the next business meeting and notify the Webmaster and the Newsletter Chairman so that the membership can be informed. A majority vote at the next business meeting (it need not be the annual business meeting) suffices to select the new officer.

If an officer is expelled from the organization, as described in the section on Membership, he or she also ceases to be a part of the Board, and must surrender documents, fees, data, or other materials related to the duties within a month of expulsion or resignation.

Section IV. Meetings and Events

18) Schedule of Business Meetings

There shall be at least four general membership meetings scheduled yearly by the Board of Directors.

The annual membership and main business meeting must be held in the last quarter of the calendar year. The other three general meetings may be a formal meeting called only for the purpose of doing business, or may be held in a more information setting such as a picnic, fun run, or any such other gathering that allows for discussion of club activities.

19) Meeting Content and Order

The business of meetings shall be conducted in general accordance with Roberts Rules of Orders.

The President or Vice-President shall submit an agenda to the Secretary at least one week in advance of the meeting so that the Secretary can provide this information to the Webmaster. Last-minute changes should be communicated 48 hours in advance of the meeting so that the agenda can be updated for printing.

One officer and three (3) members in good standing must be present at any meeting in order for the meeting to be considered a business meeting.

20) Special Meetings

The President can call an emergency Board meeting with 14 days advance notice.

21) Committee Meetings

Committee meetings can be called by the Committee chairperson or by the President. The President is empowered (but not required) to dismiss Committee members who fail to attend meetings.

22) Races and Active Events

The Race Committee chairperson will draft a recommendation for organization activities and rules governing those activities. These rules must be ratified by a majority of the membership in a general meeting.

Activities shall include dryland/scooter racing, titles, and events focused on education and advocacy. Attendance at events is not required of any member.

Section V. Amendments and Miscellaneous

23) Amendments

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed at any general membership meeting of this organization.

During the first calendar year of operation of this organization (April 2006 – March 2007), requests may be brought directly to any business meeting. The request will be read at the meeting and may be voted on by the members present. The members present may vote to postpone consideration of the amendment, to review the issue further, or to submit the issue to the general membership in the annual business meeting.

After the first year of operation, requests for amendments should be made in writing. Written amendments can be brought directly to any business meeting or submitted to an Officer of the organization, but the issue shall not be voted on immediately. Instead, the request will be reviewed by the Board of Directors, and shall be voted on at the next business meeting after the Board has met and reviewed the issue.

If any amendment significantly affects either the membership or the goals of the organization, the Board of Directors reserves the right to review the proposal and submit a recommendation to the membership.

After changes have been made to these by-laws, the changes shall be published on the Web site in a timely manner (not more than 30 days after the meeting in which the issue was decided.)

Copies of the by-laws shall be available in printed format at each annual business meeting. A copy of the by-laws shall be posted on the Web site at all time. Any member can request a soft copy of the by-laws or meetings minutes by sending e-mail to the Secretary with at least 14 days notice.

24) Amendments to Racing Rules

Proposed changes of any race definition or racing rules or procedures require approval by a majority vote of the Board.

K9scootersNW Membership can also be done online at "<http://www.K9scootersNW.com>"
www.K9scootersNW.com

Mail form to: Donna Morton

13338 SE 249th St
Kent, WA 90842

Dues are payable on or before April 1 of each year. Dues are not pro-rated.

If dues remain unpaid by July 1, membership shall lapse.

Name:

Address:

Home Phone: Cell/Alt Phone:

Email:

Dog Breed(s):

Years of Experience:

How did you learn about K9ScootersNW?:

Type of Membership:

Family \$30/year

Individual \$25/year

Student \$10/year

Circle areas of interest: Scootering bikejoring sledding skjoring Sulky/Cart driving title program administration public relations fundraising newsletter photography website design fun runs races clinics/education

Dues are payable on or before April 1 of each year. Dues are not pro-rated. If dues remain unpaid by July 2, membership will lapse.

YES, I (We) hereby apply for membership in K9ScootersNW and agree to abide by their Constitution and ByLaws.*

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www.alpineoutfitters.net



LineOut is looking for a person to write an equipment review column. If interested, contact Sue at "mail to: barnstormer@fairpoint.net" barnstormer@fairpoint.net