

Canine competition fills Pendleton Convention Center

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Rembrandt was chilling. The Old English sheepdog lay on a grooming table getting a beauty treatment Saturday courtesy of his owner, Jerry Holcombe. In about 45 minutes, Holcombe would lead Rembrandt into one of four rings on the Pendleton Convention Center's main floor and let the dog demonstrate to judges why he is a champion. Until then, however, he lay boneless as Holcombe combed gently through each layer of fur.

"This calms him down," Holcombe said.

Rembrandt, along with about 650 other dogs of 124 breeds, was in Pendleton to compete in the Walla Walla Kennel Club Dog Show. This was the club's 100th show, though only its first in Pendleton. Competition lasted through Sunday.

Two of Rembrandt's sheepdog buddies lay on tables nearby getting similar treatment.

Marlene Abrahamson, of Seabeck, Washington, tended to Bizzy, his brown eyes covered by a veil of white fur. She explained why she and her husband, Fred, travel the dog show circuit.

"It gets in your blood," Abrahamson said. "You see how far you can take your dog. You are with a subculture of friends who you see every weekend."

Other dogs in the grooming room included seven shih tzus, an Afghan and a Beauceron named Lex. On one end of the room, a woman fluffed and combed her Kuvasz, a livestock dog that originated in Hungary. She applied mousse and spray and then rubbed some white chalk into his fur.

Out on the main floor, four different breeds — dachshunds, golden retrievers, Newfoundland and Pembroke Welsh corgis — strutted their stuff in separate areas. Each owner ran their dog around the ring and then paused to let the judge run hands over the animal to determine its conformation. This was the beauty show.

The talent competition was out back in the Round-Up Pavilion. In one ring, Jan Lewis ran her Shetland sheepdog, Chloe, through her paces. The dog cleared two jumps, heeled, lay down, sat and came on command. She also retrieved, but



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
A Shetland sheepdog named Chloe looks up at owner Jan Lewis after retrieving an item that had her scent from a group of items Saturday at the Pendleton Convention Center during the Walla Walla Kennel Club Dog Show.

there was a twist. Lewis rubbed her own scent onto a metal object and gave it to the judge who placed it among other objects on the ground.

"Find mine," Lewis commanded Chloe. The dog ran to the assortment of objects and sniffed. She took one in her mouth and returned to Lewis, sat and looked expectantly at her owner. Lewis smiled.

Lewis spends about 10 hours a week training her dog. She said the two share "an incredible bond."

"It's fun to see what you can teach an animal," she said. "You watch the lightbulb go on." In a field near the Round-Up

Arena, other dogs chased moving plastic bags as if they were rabbits during an event called coursing. In front of the convention center, vendors sold an array of products for canines such as leashes, brushes, jerky, blankets, buffalo horns, scissors, squeaky toys and products to keep dogs' teeth clean and coats shiny. Inside the convention center, some new signage had appeared — one handwritten sign on a restroom door prohibited the use of bathroom sinks for dog baths. Debbie Milks, show chairwoman, said participants seem to approve of the club transplanting the show from Walla Walla to the Pendleton Convention Center.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
A dog waits to go into the ring Saturday at the Pendleton Convention Center during the Walla Walla Kennel Club Dog Show.

"All we've heard are good things about the venue," Milks said, "and there's room to grow." The event included back-to-back shows, one Saturday and one Sunday. By the end of the weekend, two dogs had emerged the victors. An Affenpinscher named Seamonkey's Bazinga (owners Debra and Danielle Nelson, Tiffany Skinner) took Saturday's Best in Show honors. Mojo's Continuation Of A Myth, an Akita owned by Stacey Bortmann and handled by Alvin Lee, prevailed on Sunday.

Not every moment went smoothly. Back in the grooming area, one dog decided she'd had enough pampering. A black standard poodle named Charity suddenly jumped from her table and bolted out a side door. The dog streaked away in search of whatever distraction beckoned. She was soon back for extra grooming and a trip to the ring.

Her owners, Scott and Nadine Carter from Boise, are a fun-loving pair who know how to roll with the punches and are learning how to navigate in the dog show world. "We're weekend warriors," Scott said. "This is just a vacation with our dog."

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PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

FRIDAY

2:41 a.m. - Males screamed and yelled and disturbed the peace in the area of the 100 block of South Main Street, Pendleton.

7:43 a.m. - An employee of Edward Jones, 352 S.W. First St., Pendleton, told police someone broke out the front window at the business.

8:27 a.m. - An Irigon resident on Southeast 13th Street reported two pit bull dogs that killed three cats keep running into the yard.

10:42 a.m. - The owner of a vacant house on South Columbia Street, Milton-Freewater, reported someone kicked in a door and turned on the water.

1:52 p.m. - A caller reported the theft of a furnace from a bank-owned house on West Walls Road, Hermiston.

2:48 p.m. - A man told Pendleton police a male followed him home to Southwest Kirk Avenue and tried to start a fight. He said this was an ongoing issue involving people having an affair.

5:31 p.m. - People at a party at a house on Brockel Way, Hermiston, parked cars on the road and blocked entrances to homes. A caller also said the party was loud and people were screaming.

6:29 p.m. - A woman reported her mother pushed her down in the Field of Dreams parking lot in Hermiston and left in a vehicle.

7:47 p.m. - A 9-1-1 caller reported a man in his 50s holding a handgun walked behind her apartment at Ridgeway Village Apartments, 725 W. Ridgeway Ave., Hermiston.

8:41 p.m. - A woman and a man armed with a knife and another with a golf club argued at a house on North Fourth Street, Athena. A neighbor yelled at them, and they left from the front of the house. The man with the club also charged another neighbor. Law enforcement did not find them.

10:10 p.m. - A Pilot Rock resident reported her wheelchair stuck in the door and her dog ran outside, was "barking at everyone" and would not come back in. The caller also said a member of Life-ways was there but stated the company did not allow her to help with the dog.

SATURDAY

12:56 a.m. - A woman on Joy Lane, Hermiston, reported her boyfriend hit her with his fist.

6:42 a.m. - An Oregon State Police trooper took possession of approximately 30 pounds of small arms ammunition from the evidence technician at the Pendleton Police Department. The offices of the two agencies are next to one another on Airport Road, Pendleton. State police plan to destroy the ammunition at a later time.

1:23 p.m. - A caller reported someone "busted" the door on a garage on Willow Creek Road, Heppner, entered and broke a water pipe, which then caused a flood in the garage. No one, though, broke into the house.

2:26 p.m. - A pickup caught fire at Fulton and McCormack roads, Pendleton. A caller said everyone got out of the vehicle.

2:58 p.m. - Two black Labradors ran

loose at the soccer field on Third Street, Umatilla, and kept chasing the children, who then could not play their game. Police did not find the dogs.

3:04 p.m. - Two vehicles crashed at Northwest Geer Road and West Theater Lane, Hermiston, and one car caught fire.

3:31 p.m. - The owner of a shop on Eastside Road, Milton-Freewater, and kicked the renters' dog, ran at one of the occupants and then left.

7:05 p.m. - Pilot Rock police received a complaint about a male driving a four-wheeler at Southwest Third and Alder streets. The driver goes too fast and does not wear a helmet, a caller reported, and he is endangering children in the area.

7:38 p.m. - A caller told Stanfield police he saw a male get out of a white Jeep Cherokee with a silver gun in his hand and jump into a white Toyota Tundra. The caller also said both vehicles still were in the middle of Highway 395.

8 p.m. - A Pendleton man told his neighbors on Southeast Sixth Street not to park in front his driveway, and they yelled at him.

8:52 p.m. - A man reported someone was breaking into his house on West Columbia Lane, Hermiston, and he locked himself in the bathroom.

11:37 p.m. - The Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report of a male and female fighting, screaming and yelling at Third Street and Nevada Avenue, Irigon. The caller said someone yelled, "Stop, you're hurting me."

SUNDAY

12:13 a.m. - People shot water guns off the roof of an apartment on the 200 block of Southwest First Street, Pendleton.

12:17 a.m. - A man told Pendleton police a woman stole his 1997 Saturn from Riverside Mobile Home Estates, 2712 N.E. Riverside Ave., Pendleton.

8:08 a.m. - A woman told Pendleton police a man got out of jail and called her so much she blocked his calls, but she wanted to speak to an officer. She also said she was going to court to get a restraining order against him.

8:43 a.m. - A woman asked to meet with a Umatilla police officer in front of the Riverside Sports Bar & Lounge, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla, because she wanted to press charges against the unknown man and woman she fought with behind the city's other strip club, Honey Bunz Hideout, 1201 Sixth St.

10:08 a.m. - A caller reported a vehicle, possibly a Chevrolet pickup, ran her off the road last night at East Birch Creek and Indian Lake roads, Pilot Rock. Her vehicle was totaled, she said, but drivable. The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office is investigating.

10:13 a.m. - Three males and four females fought at a house on East Wade Street, Adams.

11:49 a.m. - Marijuana and prescription medications were stolen from a vehicle on East Main in Hermiston.

12:38 p.m. - Pendleton police received a report of possible dog neglect on Northwest Bailey Avenue.

1:30 p.m. - An Echo woman called police about a raccoon that appeared to stumble at it crossed West Buckley Street to her yard and climb in her tree.

2:18 p.m. - A Pendleton resident on Southeast Court Place reported a neighbor dumped "black water" on the ground from an RV and the stuff stank.

2:27 p.m. - A caller on West Ferndale Road, Milton-Freewater, asked to speak to a Umatilla County sheriff's deputy about someone "flying their homemade go-cart/plane" too close to his horses.

3:06 p.m. - A man told Pendleton police his wife hit him on the head while he was sitting on the couch.

4:02 p.m. - A vehicle was "drifting" and "spinning cookies" at Field of Dreams in Hermiston. The caller shut the gate to lock the vehicle inside to wait for police response.

6:09 p.m. - A caller reported a man living in a camper at Hat Rock State Park, Hermiston, lit a small bomb in a plastic sports drink bottle.

6:45 p.m. - The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office received a report that a landlord came to her property on Eastside Road, Milton-Freewater, and kicked the renters' dog, ran at one of the occupants and then left.

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ADULT OPEN GYM, 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Doron Ave. Half-court basketball. (541-276-8100).

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Doron Ave. (541-276-8100).

REP. GREG WALDEN TOWN HALL, 8:45 a.m., Fort of Morrow Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. Everyone welcome.

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PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks. Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101).

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