



# The Lost Coast *H O W L E R*

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**NEXT MEETING:**

**TUESDAY,**

**MARCH 21**

at the

**ADORNI CENTER**  
1011 Waterfront Drive  
Eureka

Board Mtg. – 6:30 p.m.  
General Mtg. – 7:00 p.m.

## *President's Corner...*

Greetings LCKC members!

As I write this, there is about six inches of snow on the ground at my house. It is gorgeous! And Kona loves it. The cats don't even hate it that much. This is some weather we have been having! Everyone is gearing up for the spring show season; hopefully this winter weather will be gone soon.

The Breed/Obedience Shows and Agility Trials preparations are going along smoothly. Don't forget to go out there and start gathering up items for the raffles at both events. Contact Irene for a copy of the letter to use for submission to local merchants ([ihetrick@earthlink.net](mailto:ihetrick@earthlink.net)). I will also include my usual plea for volunteer help at the shows and trials. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Remember to regularly check the club's website at [www.lostcoastkennelclub.org](http://www.lostcoastkennelclub.org) for new items. If you have any good ideas or links for the site, let me know. AKC also offers a variety of e-newsletters, one of which I subscribe to, but there are quite a few available. If you are interested in receiving any of them, go to <http://cs.silverpop.com/akc/preferences> to sign up.

I am working on the 2006 LCKC membership list. When I have the draft complete, I will send everyone a copy so you can check it for any errors. Then I will send it out electronically as a pdf document so everyone will have a copy. I will keep you posted.

Hope to see everyone at the March meeting.

Michelle Dostal

## Upcoming Events...

**4/02 – Match - SIERRA PACIFIC GREAT PYRENEES CLUB, INC. - Rancho Cordova** – Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Canine Good Citizenship – *For flyer/info contact:* Pam Tobin (916) 791-7580  
[petpyrs@unlimited.net](mailto:petpyrs@unlimited.net)

**8/19 – “THE DOG WHISPERER” – CESAR MILLAN – Pleasanton, CA** – Sponsored by Standard Schnauzer Club of Northern California – A long way off from now but expected to be a sellout event. For information/registration packets: <http://www.stdschnauzer.com>



### AKC News

Articles about the world of purebred dogs.

### \$200 Intact Animal Fee Proposed in Sacramento

[Wednesday, February 15, 2006]

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will hold a workshop on February 21st to discuss instituting a \$200 intact animal fee, part of the proposed Animal Overpopulation Ordinance. The current license fee for an intact animal is \$30. Fanciers are encouraged to attend the meeting which will be held at 2:30 in the Board Chambers at 700 H Street. The proposal is the result of efforts by the Coalition to Stop Animal Overpopulation and the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights.

The following fees and requirements would be instituted:

- A \$15 license fee for sterilized dogs and cats
- A \$200 license fee for each intact animal
- A \$50 license fee for each show dog or cat

To qualify for the \$50 fee owners would have to be members of a breed or kennel club, demonstrate that each animal is registered with a recognized registry, and compete in two show events per year. Additionally, breeders would be required to list the license number of the parents when advertising a litter. The ordinance further prohibits the sale of an animal in a public place.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO [http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article\\_id=2802](http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=2802)

Editor's Note: This proposed legislation strikes too close to home, too close for comfort. It is another indication of discrimination against responsible dog owners. There is a huge pet overpopulation problem in the country, but a fair method of dealing with the problem and not punishing the responsible, ethical dog person must be found. Also in CA, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appears to have been persuaded not to adopt breed specific legislation but instead has now directed staff to draft a bill requiring mandatory spaying/neutering of **ALL** dogs.

### PAWS Update

[Thursday, February 09, 2006]

Senator Santorum's staff and Senate legislative counsel have completed a draft of the revised PAWS bill. The draft was provided to the US Department of Agriculture and the 26 Senate co-sponsors of PAWS at a briefing last week for their review and comment. The Discussion Draft of PAWS will be made public after input from the USDA and the co-sponsors is reviewed. Senator Santorum's staff has told us they expect this to be accomplished in the next few days.

The revised PAWS draft includes all of the provisions outlined in Senator Santorum's letter to AKC Chairman Ron Menaker on January 13, 2006. These include deleting all references to hunting, breeding and security dogs, both in PAWS and in the existing Animal Welfare Act; clarifying the numerical standards for the exemption of small retailers and breeders; clarifying the exemption for shelter and rescue organizations; and including an exemption for persons selling dogs and cats at retail who are in compliance with the standards of not-for-profit organizations such as the AKC which the Secretary of Agriculture has certified have standards and inspection protocols which provide at least equivalent protection to dogs and cats as are provided by the USDA's standards.

Note: As of 3/13/06, no further update has been issued....Ed.



## **TECHNOLOGY IS REALLY GOING TO THE DOGS...**

Now you can electronically keep track of your dog's whereabouts. The Global Pet Finder GPS tracking device will not only notify you on your computer, cell phone, or PDA when your dog has left its designated area, the device will tell you exactly where your dog is. It will also alert you if the temperature of your dog's environment becomes too hot or cold. At a purchase price of \$350, plus an activation fee of \$35 and monthly fees of \$18-20, I would assume that the product would have a somewhat limited market, and product reviews posted to amazon.com were extremely mixed. Yet, as of 2/20, Amazon.com reportedly had only one left in stock. See [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and [www.globalpetfinder.com](http://www.globalpetfinder.com) for more information.



### **ON THE HOME SCREEN...**

Advance Notice - The Rose City Classic (Portland, OR) is scheduled to be televised on April 10 on Animal Planet. Check your local listing for times. Did any of our members attend the show?

### **Editor's Trivia Contest - TEST YOUR DOGGY KNOWLEDGE!**

This breed's forelegs **each** have 8 foot pads and a minimum of 6 toes, 5 of which help support the dog. The hind legs also each have a minimum of 6 toes, 4 of which help support the dog, and 7 foot pads (7 rather than 8 because the center big one has grown together with the one between toes 0 and 1).

First person to e-mail or call me with the correct answer will enjoy the distinction of having his/her name published in the The Lost Coast Howler! Wow! (And receive a bar of handmade soap with a dog motif.). If no one submits the correct answer, additional clues will be published in the next issue.

Barb

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## MINUTES - LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB - FEBRUARY 21, 2006

### BOARD MEETING ~

**Present:** Jill Otto, Debbie Enns, Debbie Hopkins, Nick Mendes, Cathlyn Wright  
(Secretary Alice Symons not present at Board Meeting. No minutes taken.).

### REGULAR MEETING ~

**Present:** Michelle Dostal, Jill Otto, Alice Symons, Nick Mendes, Debbie Enns, Debbie Hopkins, Cathlyn Wright, Debra St. Myers

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Accepted.

**President's Report:** None

**Secretary's Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Bank balances read

**New Member Applications:** None

#### **Reports of Committees:**

**Ring Practice -** "It's All About the Dogs" willing to consider letting us have ring practice here. Discussion about exposing competition dogs to different environments being good.

**Show Committee -** Premium is in ...waiting for proof to come back. Lots of trophy sponsors were obtained (yea!). Special events to be:

Sat: Best Bred By Exhibitor (BBBE)

Sat: Puppy fun match

Sat: Doggie walk and shop

Sat: Lure coursing fun run

**Advertising -** Gazette being unresponsive to Debbie's queries. Clarification about what to put in the ad. Mentioned putting in show secretary for the Agility trial. Pierson's can put our show on the marquee.

**Hospitality -** Debbie E. wants to know if she should tell judges to breakfast at hotel. Two judges would like to be reimbursed early for booking their flights early. Discussion about that. Generally agreed a good idea since it might encourage booking early and save us money and avoid potential problems of flights being booked up. Questions asked/answered about judges' lunch. Talked about Hospitality doing breakfast snacks (not having caterer attempt).

**BBQ -** The Cooks are booked for that weekend (July 4<sup>th</sup>), so no surf 'n turf unless someone has contacts.

**Bench Committee -** President wants a bench committee practice before show.

**Parking -** Bigfoot Bicycle Club still deciding if they want to do this.

**Shirts for Volunteers -** Are we going to provide? Cathy Wright mentioned selling shirts. Debbie Enns reminded we still have mugs. Talk about giving volunteers and stewards mugs instead. Stewards will get mugs with candy. We will also probably have a table by catalogs to sell some of our merchandise.

**Safety committee -** Nothing to report.

## MINUTES - LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB - FEBRUARY 21, 2006 *continued...*

**Obedience committee** - Soliciting for obedience stewards. Rose Kessler and Jeff Schineller are to be co-chief stewards. Rally Obedience: Rose will probably set up a Rally course to have stewards practice before the show.

**Agility Trial** - Bev not at meeting

**Save-the-Date Flyer** - Newest draft passed.. Decision to add Abbadogs as secretary to flyer.

**Webpage** - Check for updates on a regular basis. This is a great addition to our club.

**Chamber of Commerce** - Doggie walk is set up. This is a good opportunity to give back to Ferndale by getting the exhibitors into town to possibly spend \$.

**Brochure** - Will add our tax id non-profit # and new phone number.

**Trailer Equipment Storage** - Remove from agenda.

**New Phone Number** - Irene Hetrick to be contact.

**Humdog Dog Expo** - Jill Otto says June 25 at Redwood Acres Humdog is going to do an agility exhibition. They want to know if we want to have breed booths there. Discussion about how this is such a bad weekend since it's right before our show. Nothing decided. (Sec note: Please email the president if you have an interest in this).

**Motion** to change brags to after adjournment. - **MSAC**.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

### BRAGS & WAGS

#### *HAVE YOU HEARD...*

📣 Jill Otto's and Mary Myers' Spinone Italiano "Savvy," Sunspot's Seven of Seven, was WB and BOB at the Golden Gate KC bench show . Savvy earned another point towards her championship. Molto bene!

📣 Irene Hetrick has a litter of three Toy Manchester Terrier puppies, 2 boys and a girl, out of "Scout," CH Spiceisle Crusader Song of Trinity, and "Indy," CH Spiceisle A Time For Me, CD, RN, NA, AXJ, CGC, TT. They were whelped Feb. 03. They are already training for Agility on their miniature puppy equipment!

📣 Shalisa and Geoff Neely's "Willy," their homebred CH Majestic Willy McKee, went Best of Breed at the Mother Lode Bulldog Club regional specialty last month. A super win!

📣 Alice Symons won First Place in her division at the Redwood Coast Scrabble Club tournament! (Not dog related, but noteworthy.)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

### WHAT'S THIS????



This is a photo of a wet young Puli proving that Humboldt County's beach sands and salt water are not exactly the best coat conditioners for an aspiring future show stopper. To avoid having to put up with my silly Puli pictures issue after issue, please send me photos of YOUR dog. Any accompanying stories or anecdotes would be especially welcome, too!