



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

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NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY,

APRIL 18

at

Mrs. Mendes' Home

405 Craig Street

Ferndale

Board Mtg. – 6:30 p.m.

General Mtg. – 7:00 p.m.

Directions: From Main St. in Ferndale, turn left onto Brown St., which dead ends into Craig. Park here.

Join us!!!

All welcome.

President's Corner.....

Greetings LCKC members!

Rain, rain, go away..... At least daylight savings is here though. Lots has been going on in my life, and I am just plumb out of creative ideas to put into my usual monthly column, so this is going to be a short one.

The Breed/Obedience Shows and Agility Trials preparations are still going along smoothly. It's kinda scary; hopefully it isn't the lull before the storm - or maybe we been doing it enough years that we have a routine and our jobs down? We always can use more help and also for members to "cross train" in other volunteer jobs. 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).

The Farm Store is putting on a Rescue Day Fair on April 29th from 10AM-4PM. We are checking into getting a booth as we have in the past, so we can let the public know more about the LCKC and what we do. I only have preliminary information, so keep checking your emails for more details and the opportunity to volunteer at our booth.

Everyone should have gotten the e-copy of the 2006 LCKC membership list. Our membership is remaining at a steady number, but we should always be working on increasing our numbers. More people to promote pure bred dogs and responsible dog ownership (and to volunteer for our local events!).

Remember to regularly check the club's website at www.lostcoastkennelclub.org for new items. If you have any good ideas or links for the site, let me know.

Hope to see everyone at the April meeting.

Michelle Dostal

DISCOUNTED GENETIC TESTING AVAILABLE...

Lujaxs Poodles is sponsoring two upcoming VetGen clinics in 2006 which is open to everyone. DNA test kits are available at a discounted rate of \$99, a savings of \$41 off the usual cost of \$140. The first clinic is May 1 - June 1, and the second will be later in the year from November 1 - December 1. DNA test kits will be available for the following genetic conditions/breeds:

vWD (von Willebrand Disease):

Bernese Mtn. Dog
Doberman Pinscher
Drentsche Patrijshond
German Pinscher
Kerry Blue Terrier
Manchester Terrier
Papillon
Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Poodle
Scottish Terrier
Shetland Sheepdog.

RD (Renal Dysplasia):

Lhasa Apso
Shih Tzu
Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier

PRA (Progressive Retinal Atrophy):

Irish Setter

PK/Pyruvic Kinase Deficiency:

Basenji

A check in the amount of \$99 should be made payable to VetGen and sent to:

Lujaxs Poodles
124 Cameo Lane
Summerville, SC 29483

For questions and/or additional information, contact Lujaxs Poodles in South Carolina at 843-486-6314. Check VetGen's website for more information on genetic testing: (<http://www.vetgen.com/>) *Many thanks to Irene Hetrick for alerting us to this opportunity. ..Ed.*



Editor's Trivia Contest...

Test Your Doggy Knowledge has a WINNER!!!

Congratulations to Von Hickman who correctly guessed the Norwegian Lundehund!

This ancient, unique breed was originally used for hunting puffin (lunde in Norwegian) birds on the windy rocks of the coast of Norway. Its extra toes (not double dewclaws but actual functional toes) give extra foothold for climbing on and clinging to steep and slippery rocky cliffs. In addition to its fascinating foot structure, these dogs also have the unique ability to close their ear canals to protect against the wind and moisture. It also has neck-joints which enable it to bend the head backwards over the shoulders, so that the forehead touches the back, a useful trait for when the dog has to turn in a narrow passage such as a rock crevice. It also has extremely mobile foreshoulder joints that allow both front legs to stretch straight out to the sides. For more information go to www.lundehund.com/



BRAGS AND WAGS

Have you heard...

📢 Beverly Morgan Lewis has been granted provisional status as an agility judge. Quite an achievement. WOW!!!

📢 Jill Otto and Mary Myers' Spinone Italiano, Savvy (Sunspot's Seven of Seven), earned her first Junior Hunter leg at the German Shorthaired Pointer Club Hunt Test held on 3/25/06.

📢 And Jill and Mary have more news... Introducing their new adorable and charming Spinone Italiano puppy, "Ciana"...



Be sure to send in your photos, brags, and wags for publication!



At left, center stage is handsome birthday boy Austin [STRYLN Little Touch Of Texas], celebrating his 1st Birthday on March 12, 2006, with his sisters (left) Cheri [Abquisto Matgascar Red Cheri, AX, AXJ, NAP, NAJP, CGC and Service Dog] and (right) Maggie [P.M.A.'s Miss Maggie May, AX, MXJ, CD, CGC and TDInc. Therapy Dog & Service Dog]. The party boy is owned and loved by Tricia Morgan.

Happy Birthday to Austin!

**Lost Coast Kennel Club Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2006**

Board Meeting:

Present: Michelle Dostal, Alice Symons, Debra Hopkins, Jill Otto, Irene Hetrick, Patty Mendes, Nick Mendes

Minutes of last meeting: There were none.

Report of Treasurer: A status update was given as to our finances.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Board Meeting Adjourned

Regular Meeting:

Present: Above and Barbara Stelz, Rose Kessler, Beverly Morgan-Lewis, Diane Silva, Jeff Schineller

Minutes of last meeting: **Motion** to accept the minutes, MSAC.

Report of President: Nick Mendes placed his Dixie in a new home; the new owner made a nice donation for our upcoming show. A thank you letter is being sent. The membership list has been updated and was passed around to those present to update as needed.

Report of Secretary: A form to enter the Eureka Rhody parade was received. General inquiry as to interest in participating was made at the meeting... no interest at this time.

Report of Treasurer: A status update was given as to our finances. We finally have some net income. We have also paid some of the judges' airfare already for our upcoming show.

Member Applications: Two new applications came in the mail and one late renewal -

New: Kimberley Chambers from Ferndale- Golden Retriever

New: Danielle Reed from Redway- Doberman Pinscher

Neither new membership application had a sponsor. Secretary will call to invite them to the next meeting in Ferndale. Claire Freeman sent a check for renewal. As it was past the deadline, **motion** was made to accept her membership. MSAC.

Diane Silva (present at meeting) also submitted a check for renewal. A **motion** was made to accept her membership. MASC.

Report of Committees:

Ring Committee: We had fairly impromptu ring practice on the 18th with a nice turnout. More will be scheduled as weather improves.

2006 Conformation Show:

- Premium List: Has been received, and corrections are being made.
- Fairgrounds: Nick has been talking to the fairgrounds about RV's
- Trophy Update: Please pay the treasurer if you signed up for a trophy and indicate if you need a receipt.

2006 Conformation Show continued...

- Parking: The bicycle club never responded in the given time frame, so we need about 6 people to do the parking. The organization gets ½ the receipts. Jill will check into the CB club (they did the parking at the Pet Fair).
- EMT: Irene will check into getting the same EMT.
- Flowers: Irene would like to have Fortuna Florist do the flowers since they are so generous with supporting the club. It was discussed that the Ferndale Florist is now under new ownership, so this would be a good time to check if Fortuna can meet our needs.
- Raffle: Irene and others collecting. If you need a thank you form, please contact Irene.

2007 Show - Judging panel almost complete.

2006 Agility Trial - Everything on track.

Unfinished Business:

- Fund Raising: Reiterated that we are going to sell some shirts and mugs at the show.
- Web page update: Alice suggests pictures of our past show winners should be added. Also the list of sponsors of trophies can be easily obtained from the premium list.
- LCKC Brochure: Complete.. remove from agenda
- Handling Seminar: Will be set up 2-3 weeks before our show on a weekend.
- Humdog Dog Expo: Jill tells us they're just going to do an agility demo type thing because we couldn't commit due to the time being just before our conformation show.

New Business:

- Breeder Referral: Irene wants to rerun the breeder referral ad since it was successful and to add our website to the ad. **Motion**. MSAC
- Jill wants to be reminded every time the club does something that meets the AKC educational, etc., requirements for holding our dog show.
- International Canine Semen Bank: Irene wants to find out if they want to come to our 2007 show. They give back to the club some of the receipts they collect. No objection; Irene to check on.

Meeting Adjourned.