



The Lost Coast *H O W L E R*

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NEXT MEETING:

**TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19**

at the

ADORNI CENTER
1011 Waterfront Drive
Eureka

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

EVERYONE WELCOME!

President's Corner...

Greetings LCKC Members!

Here I sit typing away with one of my kitty cats in my lap and Kona sleeping on the futon near me. Life is good. I hope your summer has gone well as we now slowly turn to fall. I sure have noticed the days getting shorter....

September is AKC Responsible Dog Ownership month. The LCKC members are doing their part by providing information tables with members and their dogs at the Farm Store Pet Fair on September 9th and at Woofstock on September 24th. Educating the public about purebred dogs and promoting responsible dog ownership is a big part of what the LCKC is all about. Way to go club members who are volunteering and helping out with this important work!

I will be doing a special order of club logo merchandise/garments in September. Club members will be able to provide or order jackets, shirts, vests, etc., and we will put in an embroidery/silk screen order at Sport and Cycle. I will be talking about the order at the September meeting.

Welcome to new club member Pamela McKnight. New members, feel free to jump in and volunteer for any and all activities. We look forward to seeing you at the monthly meetings.

Remember to regularly check the club's website, www.lostcoastkennelclub.org, for new items. Webmaster Jim keeps adding links. Check out the new photo gallery from our summer shows/trials.

I dropped the bombshell at last month's meeting. For those of you who weren't there, I announced that I will not be up for re-election as President next year. I have done it for four years now and need a break and want to give another club member the learning opportunity of being the President. I am certainly not "quitting" the club, just the routine duties of President. I am willing to serve on the Board and will be available to help out the new President. Debbie Hopkins has also indicated that she will not be able to serve on the Board next year. So, we will have a few openings for Officers and Board Members. Please club members, step forward to help run the club! Nominations must be made by the end of the October meeting, with voting to occur at the November meeting.

Hope to see everyone at the September meeting.

Michelle



From The Show Chair

Club members are reflecting on our 2006 show, thinking about what was good, what was bad, and considering what changes we may make for 2007.

As you may be aware, a new kennel club has formed in Brookings, OR: the Oregon Coast Kennel Club (OCKC). They have expressed a desire to cluster with us for a four-day show (when they have AKC approval to hold a show). Having a four-day show at our venue is probably the best possible way to increase our entries and really have a money-making (not money -losing) event that will not be so dependent on our raffle. Many clubs donate part of their show revenue back to their community in one form or another. We have been unable to even consider anything like this as we have been operating at a loss or barely breaking even lately.

In the meanwhile, until OCKC is ready to hold a show, the board is leaning towards holding a three-day show in 2007. This will most likely be Sat., Sun., and Mon., June 30-July 2, 2007. We are in the process of obtaining bids from superintendents with the hope of decreasing our costs. The decision on who will be our Supe will probably be made before the end of the year.

One thing I have heard over and over is that people miss our BBQ. I am trying to arrange for a local service organization to put one on. Seeing the profits go to help the community will surely enhance our show.

The lure coursing fun run is such a big hit and the dogs really enjoy it. The people who put it on for us intend to do it again next year, and we are currently checking into whether we will be able to hold a JC test for sighthounds besides the fun run.

I have a list started for committees and welcome early volunteers. Keep in mind many of these committees are committees of ONE. So it's not like you have to attend a ton of meetings or anything ☺. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out the club. The committees are:

Premium List
Lure Coursing
BBQ
Vendors
Fairgrounds
Trophies
Obed/Rally
RV's
Day Parking
Publicity
Judges/Stewards Hospitality
Judge Transport
Raffle
Day-of-Show Volunteers

Alice Symons
Show Chair, 2007

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole. - Roger Caras

Thanks to Elyse Kelly for calling the following press release to our attention...

No Sugar Coating: Products Sweetened With Xylitol Can Be Toxic To Dogs

- Number of 2005 Xylitol-Related Cases Up More Than 150% Over Previous Year

- Sugar-free Chewing Gums, Candies, Baked Goods Among Products

(Urbana, IL) August 21, 2006 - The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center cautions animal owners that xylitol, a sweetener found in certain sugar-free chewing gums, candies, baked goods and other products can potentially cause serious and even life-threatening problems for pets.

"Last year, we managed more than 170 cases involving xylitol-containing products," says Dana Farbman, CVT and spokesperson for the Center. "This is a significant increase from 2004, when we managed about 70." Barely halfway into 2006, the Center has already managed about 114 cases. Why the increase? "It's difficult to say," Farbman states. "Xylitol products are relatively new to the United States marketplace, so one possibility may be an increase in availability."

According to Dr. Eric Dunayer, veterinarian and toxicologist for the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center, dogs ingesting significant amounts of items sweetened with xylitol could develop a fairly sudden drop in blood sugar, resulting in depression, loss of coordination and seizures. "These signs can develop quite rapidly, at times less than 30 minutes after ingestion of the product. Therefore, it is crucial that pet owners seek veterinary treatment immediately." Dr. Dunayer also stated that there appears to be a strong link between xylitol ingestions and the development of liver failure in dogs.

While it was previously thought that only large concentrations of xylitol could result in problems, this appears to no longer be the case. "We seem to be learning new information with each subsequent case we manage," says Dr. Dunayer. "Our concern used to be mainly with products that contain xylitol as one of the first ingredients. However, we have begun to see problems developing from ingestions of products with lesser amounts of this sweetener." He also says that with smaller concentrations of xylitol, the onset of clinical signs could be delayed as much as 12 hours after ingestion. "Therefore, it is important to keep in mind that even if your pet does not develop signs right away, it does not mean that problems won't develop later on."

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center strongly urges pet owners to be especially diligent in keeping candy, gum or other foods containing xylitol out of the reach of pets. As with any potentially toxic substance, should accidental exposures occur, it is important to contact your local veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center for immediate assistance.

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For over 27 years, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center has been the premier animal poison control center in North America. The center, an allied agency of the University of Illinois, is the only facility of its kind staffed by 25 veterinarians including 10 board-certified toxicologists and 14 certified veterinary technicians. Located in Urbana, Illinois, the specially trained staff provides assistance to pet owners and specific analysis and treatment recommendations to veterinarians pertaining to toxic chemicals and dangerous plants, products or substances 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In 2005, the center handled over 100,000 cases. In addition, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center provides extensive veterinary toxicology consulting on a wide array of subjects including legal cases, formulation issues, product liability, regulatory reporting and bio surveillance. To reach the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center, call **1-888-426-4435**.

For more information on the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center visit www.aspc.org/apcc

HAVE YOU HEARD...

 **Danielle Reed's "Phoenix"** won Best Junior at the ADA (American Doberman Association) Nationals held in Snohomish, WA, last month. Phoenix got the best rating a puppy could get!

 **Beverly Morgan Lewis' Pembroke Welsh Corgi, "Fern,"** qualified 6 out of 6 times (for 3 more Double Q's!) at our trial, then qualified 4 out of 4 times (2 more Double Q's!) at Petaluma, and is working towards completing her MACH 2 in agility!

 **Irene Hetrick's Toy Manchester Terrier, "Dora"** (Trinity's Dora The Explorer), distinguished herself by being awarded Winners Bitch/Best of Winners/Best of Breed from the Bred-By-Exhibitor class under Judge Carol Williams at the Gold Country Kennel Club show held in Grass Valley.
(Editor's Note: Irene, in her modesty, did not bring this exceptional win to my attention. However, since I found the results posted at the show superintendent's website, I decided it was public information and, therefore, my "duty" to share)



 **Cathy Wright's Parson Russell Terrier, "Dandy"** (Riverwood's Ain't She a Dandy) pictured at left, earned her first Junior Earthdog leg at the earthdog trials sponsored by the Golden Gate Dachshund Club in conjunction with the Gold Country Kennel Club events in Grass Valley.

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous,
he will not bite you;
that is the principal difference between a dog and a man.

-Mark Twain



Previously announced but without benefit of the above photo,
Chris Irvin is shown with her Belgian Tervuren, "**Wizard**"
(Monami Mythical Journey) following his Group 1 win at our show in July.
Wizard also distinguished himself by completing his Rally Novice title that same weekend.
Way to go, Chris and Wiz!

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UPCOMING EVENT...

11/11/06 - 11/12/06 - CORKY VROOM HANDLING CLINIC, Lodi, CA - Sponsored by Santa Clara Valley English Springer Spaniel Association. Fee: \$150 with dog; \$75 observe only. Limited to 20 beginners; 20 advanced. To qualify for advanced, must have handled for five years or completed two championships. Dogs must be at least one year old and well behaved. Licensed as an all-breed handler in 1966, Corky Vroom has shown dogs to more than 750 Bests in Show, over 2000 Group 1's, 7 Westminster Group Wins, 3 Top Dogs - All Breeds, and has twice been voted both Fido and Kennel Review Handler of the Year. This is an outstanding seminar, patterned after the George Alston Clinic, and will sell out very quickly. For information, call Judy Vanderlip at 408-334-6988. HURRY, as this will sell out fast! (Thanks to Irene Hetrick for letting us know about this opportunity...Ed..)

LCKC Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2006

Board Meeting

Attendees: Beverly Morgan Lewis, Irene Hetrick, Patty Mendes, Nick Mendes, Michelle Dostal, Jill Otto, Debbie Hopkins, Debbie Enns, Alice Symons

Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion to accept as written. **MSAC**

Report of Treasurer: Report does not include Agility information. Right now, we are negative for the year (more expenses than income).

Unfinished Business:

Proposal to Fair Board re Grounds - In progress. Claire sent a letter to Michelle Dostal stating what she thinks should be included in the proposal to make the agility trial.

New Business:

2007 Conformation/Obedience Show - Three or four days? With Brookings? Different Superintendent? Some people sent e-mails regarding their feelings about potential changes to our 2007 shows. General discussion about issues for the next show ensued... Alice Symons and Nick Mendes are still in the process of contacting Superintendents for price quotes. Stressed that no decisions are being made as of yet.

Adjournment

Regular Meeting

Attendees: Beverly Morgan Lewis, Irene Hetrick, Patty Mendes, Nick Mendes, Michelle Dostal, Jill Otto, Deb Hopkins, Debbie Enns, Alice Symons, Danielle Reed, Rose Kessler

Minutes of Last Meeting: Accepted as written

Membership needs to know that other companies sponsored our shows/trials and we need to put that in our next newsletter. They were not included in the TS ad b/c of money constraints (and these businesses didn't mind being left out of the TS ad).

Report of President:

- Michelle will not accept a nomination or run for president next year. She has been president for four years and needs a break. She will still maintain an active status in the club and be available to help the next president.
- AKC is creating disaster preparedness plans and wants clubs to create their own. MD is active in doing stuff like this professionally and would like to do this, although she can't do it until next year, probably.

Report of Secretary:

- Woofstock application received.. Will fill out and send back.
- Oregon Coast Kennel Club sent a match announcement and a blurb on an upcoming event - - "Howloween" (dress-up context for dog and owner)

Report of Treasurer: Report given. There were a few (5) bounced checks for the show. Discussion about how to get remittance.

New Member Applications:

- Pamela McKnight (Shelties, Eureka) accepted. Irene Hetrick sponsor.
- Kory Eggert. No sponsor. Irene Hetrick to contact.
- Application revision - Meetings start at 7:00. Other issues Alice Symons brought up: Still doesn't address the sponsor issue; what do our bylaws say (5 types of membership). Alice Symons will work with Cathy Wright on it.

Reports of Committees:

Ring Practice - Lots of people showed up for Conformation, Obedience, Rally at the end of July

Reports of Committees continued...

2006 Agility Trial -

- The agility trial seemed to make QUITE a bit of money for the club.
- The one problem we had was a dog-on-dog aggression, so we really need to have a mock bench trial so we all can know what to do. Luckily, Lorie.Abbot (the trial secretary) knew what to do. The Agility Committee met and DQ'd the dog, and this means the dog is DQ'd from Agility (or all AKC events?) unless the dog's owner appeals.
- Biggest complaint was about the food. (We loved this... they weren't complaining about other things).
- Entries increased by 50% this year.
- Beverly Morgan Lewis wants to engage Lorie Abbot again for the trial. **Motion : MSAC**
- Another class is being added, so we need to get some more equipment. \$200 for sign posts (the numbers for each obstacle will have to be raised off the ground). We also need portable rolled fencing and stakes, sandbags (10 sets), 2 sets of weave poles, tire jump.
- Also, Beverly will clarify how worker compensation will be done at the next trial and make sure it is well known.
- We had three MACH's at our trial.
- Judges are set for next year.
- Rose Kessler brought a bunch of articles written up about our trial.

Unfinished Business:

- **Webpage Updates** - We need to add breeder referral link. Agility pictures will be up soon.
- **Sale T-Shirt Update** - We have paid off our initial investment, and Michelle wants to sell other shirts at our upcoming events. The other shirts that club members wanted have been ordered.
- **Pet CPR Presentation** - No update

New Business:

- **Farm Sore Pet Fair** - Elyse Kelly will work half of the day Sept 9th. Still need someone else to help.
- **Woofstock** - Jill Otto/Chris Irvin will man the booth Sept 24.
- **Future LCKC Logo Garment Order** - Beginning of Sept., Michelle will put out word that an order will be put together. You can provide your own clothing or order from Sport and Cycle. Individual club members must go to Sport and Cycle to choose what to order for themselves; then notify Michelle what you want.. Pay when the order comes in. You can get embroidered stuff or silk screened stuff.
- **Used Obedience Jumps and Scent Articles Available** - Irene suggests taking the items, and we will raffle them off. All agree this is a wonderful idea.
- **Work Day for Trailer Clean Up** - Scheduled October 1st Sun., 10:00 am. The trailer will be hauled into Ferndale, and club members should show up to help organize the trailer. Items will be made secure so that they don't shift during the long and windy road to Petrolia.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Symons
Secretary

