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NEXT MEETING:

**TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18**
at the
ADORNI CENTER
1011 Waterfront Drive
Eureka

Board Mtg. - 6:30 p.m.

Regular Mtg. - 7:00

**Join us!!!
All Welcome.**

President's Corner...

I'd like to welcome new club member Bruce Osborne from McKinleyville who has Shelties and Cavaliers.

LCKC had a great booth at the Farm Store Pet Fair on September 8th. Many people stopped to ask questions and take the information that we had available. A big thanks to Rose Kessler for all her help with preparation and manning the booth.

We held a CERF (Canine Eye Registration Foundation) clinic, also on September 8th. Dr. Kelley-Day at Myrtle Avenue Veterinary Hospital allowed us to use his facility with the assistance of his office manager, Stephanie Lakin. Rebecca Burwell, DVM, Diplomate American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists, examined 38 of our local dogs. Barbara Stelz deserves a big thank you for all her hard work in preparing for a great clinic.

Please join us for two more events:

We will have a presentation about raw food diets at 7pm at the upcoming meeting on September 18th (in Eureka).

LCKC will have a booth at Woofstock on September 30th at Waterfront Park at the Adorni Center. Bring your dogs, and come see us, help at the booth, or join the Mutt Strutt.

Jill Otto

NEW CHAMPION!



Pictured above is Cathy Wright with her homebred
RIVERWOODS AIN'T NO SUNSHINE.

"Dolly" earned her AKC championship at the tender age of barely 9 months. In that show career of only three months, while earning points towards her Champion title, Dolly racked up some impressive wins, including a Best of Breed over the No. 2 Parson Russell Terrier.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CATHY AND NEW CHAMPION DOLLY!

CANINE CUISINE...

GUEST SPEAKER on RAW DIETS

Deb St. Myers has invited a guest speaker to our next meeting who will be presenting information on raw diets for dogs. The hour-long presentation will begin at the regular meeting time of 7:00 p.m. This should be an interesting and educational evening. Please try to attend, and feel free to invite non-club members to join us as well.



HOMEMADE DIETS

With all of the dog food recalls earlier this year, there has been an increased interest in home preparation of food for pets. As mentioned above, we will be learning about raw diets at our next meeting.

For those of you curious about raw and also cooked homemade dog food, there are some good websites available.

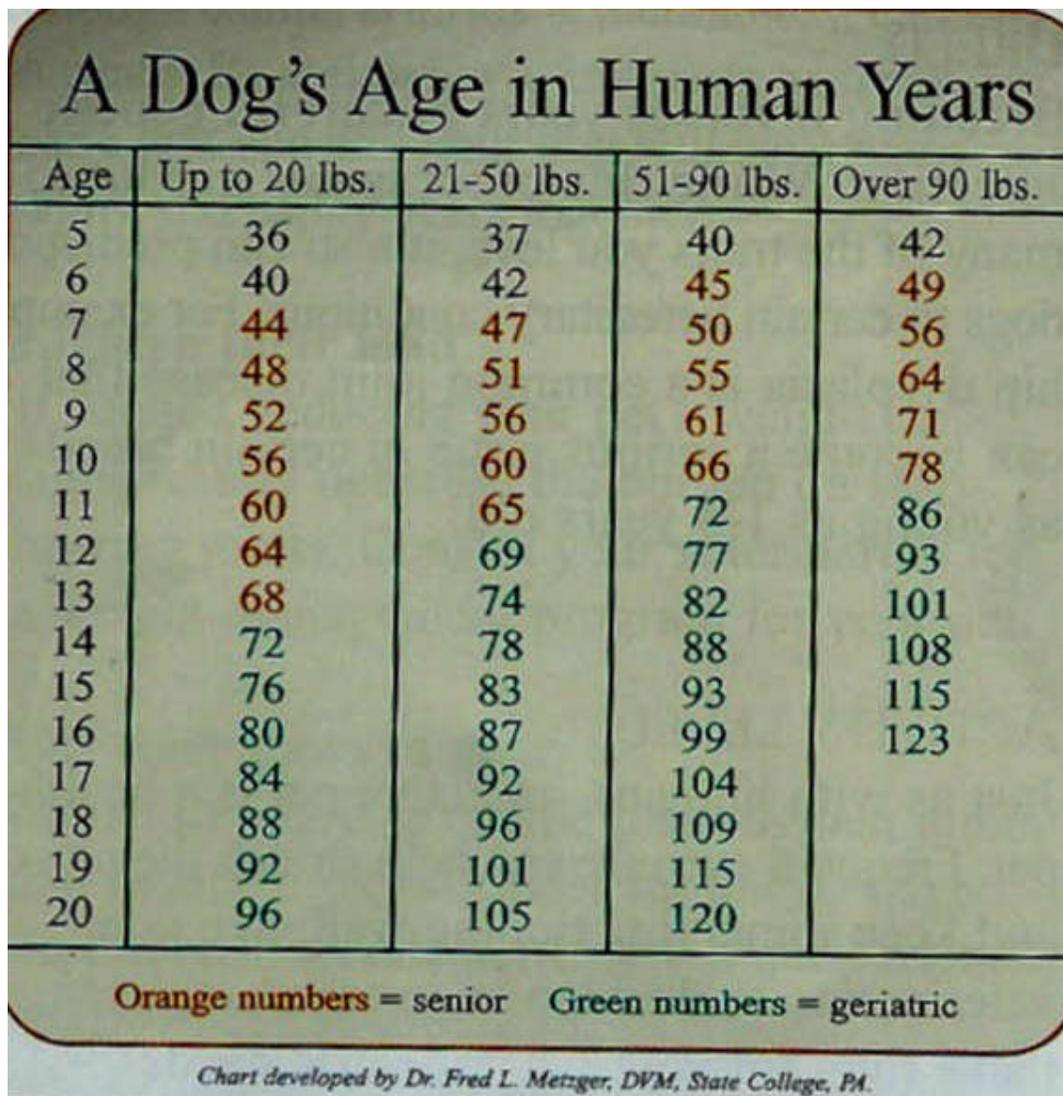
For help in getting started with a raw diet: <http://www.b-naturals.com/May2006.php>

For those interested in a cooked diet: <http://www.b-naturals.com/Apr2006.php>



REVISED AGE CHART

(Note: This might take a moment to appear on your screen. If so, please be patient.)



The chart is titled "A Dog's Age in Human Years" and is presented as a table with five columns representing different weight categories and one row for each age from 5 to 20. The columns are: "Age", "Up to 20 lbs.", "21-50 lbs.", "51-90 lbs.", and "Over 90 lbs.". The numbers in the table are color-coded: orange for senior dogs and green for geriatric dogs. A legend at the bottom of the chart explains this color coding. The chart is credited to Dr. Fred L. Metzger, DVM, State College, PA.

Age	Up to 20 lbs.	21-50 lbs.	51-90 lbs.	Over 90 lbs.
5	36	37	40	42
6	40	42	45	49
7	44	47	50	56
8	48	51	55	64
9	52	56	61	71
10	56	60	66	78
11	60	65	72	86
12	64	69	77	93
13	68	74	82	101
14	72	78	88	108
15	76	83	93	115
16	80	87	99	123
17	84	92	104	
18	88	96	109	
19	92	101	115	
20	96	105	120	

Orange numbers = senior Green numbers = geriatric

Chart developed by Dr. Fred L. Metzger, DVM, State College, PA.

While waiting with Taz in the vet's, Patty Mendes noticed the above revised age chart for dogs and kindly sent it on so that we all might read it.

Thanks for thinking of us, Patty!

(Ed. Note: Little Taz is fine. Just an ear problem.)

VACCINATION PROTOCOLS

It was not that long ago that annual vaccinations were considered the appropriate protocol to protect the health of our dogs. Of very recent years, however, that thinking has changed. While there are still some different schools of thought on the subject as to exactly how often booster shots are necessary, there does seem to be agreement that a vaccination schedule of reduced frequency is not only sufficient but perhaps prudent.

The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) formally issued revised vaccination guidelines in 2006. Their information is by far too lengthy to reproduce here, but you can access it by going to www.aahanet.org/PublicDocuments/VaccineGuidelines06Revised.pdf. (It is quite comprehensive, and I strongly recommend your taking the time to review and compare it with the schedule presented on Page 6.)

There is also currently a "Rabies Challenge" study -- a direct challenge to the long-accepted rabies vaccination protocols--, being conducted by world-renowned vaccine research scientist and practicing veterinarian, Dr. W. Jean Dodds of California, and pet vaccine disclosure advocate, Kris L. Christine of Maine. They have established **THE RABIES CHALLENGE FUND CHARITABLE TRUST** to raise money to fund a 7-year rabies vaccine challenge study in the United States.

In addition to the challenge study, the fund will finance a study of the adjuvants used in veterinary rabies vaccines and establish a rabies vaccine adverse reaction reporting system.

This is a very worthwhile project, and if you would like to help support it, please send donations for this very important research to:

The Rabies Challenge Fund
c/o Hemopet
11330 Markon Drive
Garden Grove, CA 92841

Any questions for Dr. Dodds may be Emailed to:
Hemopet at hotmail . com [omit spaces and change at to "@"when Emailing]

and for Ms. Christine:
LedgeSpring at Lincoln.midcoast .com [omit spaces and change at to "@"when Emailing]

***Following on Page 6 is the vaccination schedule currently recommended by Dr. Dodds.
Thanks to Jim Wasetis for providing it to us for inclusion in the newsletter.***

Dr. Jean Dodds' Recommended Vaccination Schedule

Vaccine	Initial	1st Annual Booster	Re-Administration Interval	Comments
Distemper (MLV) (e.g. Intervet Progard Puppy)	9 weeks 12 weeks 16 - 20 weeks	At 1 year MLV Distemper/ Parvovirus only	None needed. Duration of immunity 7.5 / 15 years by studies. Probably lifetime. Longer studies pending.	Can have numerous side effects if given too young (< 8 weeks).
Parvovirus (MLV) (e.g. Intervet Progard Puppy)	9 weeks 12 weeks 16 - 20 weeks	At 1 year MLV Distemper/ Parvovirus only	None needed. Duration of immunity 7.5 years by studies. Probably lifetime. Longer studies pending.	At 6 weeks of age, only 30% of puppies are protected but 100% are exposed to the virus at the vet clinic.
Rabies (killed)	24 weeks or older	At 1 year (give 3-4 weeks apart from Dist/Parvo booster) Killed 3 year rabies vaccine	3 yr. vaccine given as required by law in California (follow your state/provincial requirements)	rabid animals may infect dogs.

Vaccines Not Recommended For Dogs

Distemper & Parvo @ 6 weeks or younger	Not recommended. At this age, maternal antibodies from the mothers milk (colostrum) will neutralize the vaccine and only 30% for puppies will be protected. 100% will be exposed to the virus at the vet clinic.
Corona	Not recommended. 1.) Disease only affects dogs <6 weeks of age. 2.) Rare disease: TAMU has seen only one case in seven years. 3.) Mild self-limiting disease. 4.) Efficacy of the vaccine is questionable.
Leptospirosis	Not recommended 1) There are an average of 12 cases reported annually in California. 2) Side effects common. 3) Most commonly used vaccine contains the wrong serovars. (There is no cross-protection of serovars) There is a new vaccine with 2 new serovars. Two vaccinations twice per year would be required for protection.). 4) Risk outweighs benefits.
Lyme	Not recommended 1) Low risk in California. 2) 85% of cases are in 9 New England states and Wisconsin. 3) Possible side effect of polyarthritis from whole cell bacterin.
Bordetella (Intranasal) (killed)	Only recommended 3 days prior to boarding when required . Protects against 2 of the possible 8 causes of kennel cough. Duration of immunity 6 months.
Giardia	Not recommended Efficacy of vaccine unsubstantiated by independent studies

There are two types of vaccines currently available to veterinarians: *modified-live* vaccines and *inactivated* ("killed") vaccines.

Immunization Schedules

There is a great deal of controversy and confusion surrounding the appropriate immunization schedule, especially with the availability of modified-live vaccines and breeders who have experienced postvaccinal problems when using some of these vaccines. It is also important to not begin a vaccination program while maternal antibodies are still active and present in the puppy from the mother's colostrum. The maternal antibodies identify the vaccines as infectious organisms and destroy them before they can stimulate an immune response.

Many breeders and owners have sought a safer immunization program.

Modified Live Vaccines (MLV)

Modified-live vaccines contain a weakened strain of the disease causing agent. Weakening of the agent is typically accomplished by chemical means or by genetic engineering. These vaccines replicate within the host, thus increasing the amount of material available for provoking an immune response without inducing clinical illness. This provocation primes the immune system to mount a vigorous response if the disease causing agent is ever introduced to the animal. Further, the immunity provided by a modified-live vaccine develops rather swiftly and since they mimic infection with the actual disease agent, it provides the best immune response.

Inactivated Vaccines (Killed)

Inactivated vaccines contain killed disease causing agents. Since the agent is killed, it is much more stable and has a longer shelf life, there is no possibility that they will revert to a virulent form, and they never spread from the vaccinated host to other animals. They are also safe for use in pregnant animals (a developing fetus may be susceptible to damage by some of the disease agents, even though attenuated, *present in modified-live vaccines*). Although more than a single dose of vaccine is always required and the duration of immunity is generally shorter, inactivated vaccines are regaining importance in this age of retrovirus and herpesvirus infections and concern about the safety of genetically modified microorganisms. Inactivated vaccines available for use in dogs include rabies, canine parvovirus, canine coronavirus, etc.

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Note: This schedule is the one I recommend and should not be interpreted to mean that other protocols recommended by a veterinarian would be less satisfactory. It's a matter of professional judgment and choice. For breeds or families of dogs susceptible to or affected with immune dysfunction, immune-mediated disease, immune-reactions associated with vaccinations, or autoimmune endocrine disease (e.g., thyroiditis, Addison's or Cushing's disease, diabetes, etc.) the above protocol is recommended.

After 1 year, annually measure serum antibody titers against specific canine infectious agents such as distemper and parvovirus. This is especially recommended for animals previously experiencing adverse vaccine reactions or breeds at higher risk for such reactions (e.g., Weimaraner, Akita, American Eskimo, Great Dane).

Another alternative to booster vaccinations is homeopathic nosodes. This option is considered an unconventional treatment that has not been scientifically proven to be efficacious. One controlled parvovirus nosode study did not adequately protect puppies under challenged conditions. However, data from Europe and clinical experience in North America support its use. If veterinarians choose to use homeopathic nosodes, their clients should be provided with an appropriate disclaimer and written informed consent should be obtained.

I use only killed 3 year rabies vaccine for adults and give it separated from other vaccines by 3-4 weeks. In some states, they may be able to give titer test result in lieu of booster.

I do NOT use Bordetella, corona virus, leptospirosis or Lyme vaccines unless these diseases are endemic in the local area pr specific kennel. Furthermore, the currently licensed leptospira bacterins do not contain the serovars causing the majority of clinical leptospirosis today.

I do NOT recommend vaccinating bitches during estrus, pregnancy or lactation.

W. Jean Dodds, DVM
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Printable **Titers Forms and Instructions for Testing:** <http://www.itsfortheanimals.com/HEMOPET.HTM>



PLANNED PARENTHOOD...

Cathy Wright is proud to formally announce her recent litter of two Parson Russell Terrier puppies, a male and a female.

The female (below - pink border) is already spoken for.



Cathy really likes the male (below - blue border) and is having a difficult time deciding whether to keep him for herself. She would be open, however, to considering a co-ownership, perhaps even with a junior handler.



LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2007

Board Meeting: Called to order at 6:43 PM. In attendance: **Jill Otto, Deb St. Myers, Michelle Dostal, Chris Irvin, Patty Mendes, Nick Mendes, Irene Hetrick**

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved **MSAC**

Report of Treasurer: Report given by **Patty Mendes**. A breakdown of the 2007 show expenses was handed out.

Unfinished Business: Appointment of new board member: **Chris Irvin** was voted in as a new board member. **MSAC**

New Business: Use of agility equipment: The board recommends giving the Kennedy's a monetary gift for all the work they do for our agility trial concerning donating and transporting equipment.

Adjournment: 7:03 PM

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:12 PM. In attendance, all of the above plus **Barbara Stelz and Rose Kessler. Beverly Morgan Lewis** arrived later in the general meeting (in her gorgeous new Toyota Sienna van!).

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved **MSAC**.

Report of President: **Deb Enns** must step down as board member due to a conflict with school. **Chris Irvin** was voted in as the new board member. The **Kesslers** were given a card and gift card in appreciation of all they do for the club.

Report of Secretary: LCKC received two donation requests. The letters are to be put in the Secretary's file for future reference if needed. **Barb Stelz** talked on CDOC (Concerned Dog Owners of CA) as a possible place to donate in the future. Barb will put more information about this group on the LCKC Yahoo Group.

Report of Treasurer: Report given by **Patty Mendes**. **Patty** said not all income and expense information is in yet. The dog show made a profit of over \$5000 this year.

New Member Applications: **Bruce Osborne**, brucedo2020@yahoo.com, was voted in as a new member. Welcome Bruce! Bruce and his wife live in McKinleyville and have a Shetland Sheepdog, Annie, and a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Robin.

Report of Committees:

 Ring practice: The insurance rider will be for 25 Ring Practices. **Patty Mendes** will send it in. **Rose Kessler** says the ring practices will be resuming soon.

 Newsletter: The majority of the members want Michelle to let them know when the newsletter is up on the LCKC web site so that is where you will need to read it from now on.

 B-OB Show: Discussion on Superintendents. LCKC members not getting Premium Lists were discussed. They do not send them out to club members but rather send the club's Secretary a bunch of them to hand out. **Irene Hetrick** did receive some and let everyone know. They were mailed to whoever asked. If we want MB-F to mail them, we need to supply MB-F with mailing labels. It was voted on to keep MB-F for all future shows unless there is a change in circumstance. **MSAC**. The board would like to review the MB-F contract every year before it is sent in. **Irene Hetrick** to relay this information to Show Chair **Deb Enns**.

 Agility Trial: It was voted on to keep Lorie Abbott as the Trial Secretary for future Agility Trials. **MSAC**. **Beverly Morgan Lewis** was given free rein to comp entries as needed to get course help. **Beverly Morgan Lewis** talked about the final breakdown of the agility trial. The club made over \$10,000 from this year's trial. A motion was made to spend up to \$6000 on a trailer for Agility. **MSAC**. **Irene Hetrick** will look into types and sizes that other clubs use. Final vote will be at the September meeting. The judges for the 08 Agility Trial are Lisa Miller and Dan Butcher. The PR for the Agility Trial was excellent. Thank you to **Deb Hopkins** and **Beverly Morgan Lewis**.

Unfinished Business:

Pet Fair and insurance forms: **Rose Kessler** and **Jill Otto** have the pet fair organized. If anyone has time please come by and help out at the table. **Jill** ordered a table to use. **Jill** has taken care of the insurance form for the Pet Fair, she will also send in the one for Woofstock.

CERF clinic: Insurance form has been sent in by **Jill Otto**. The clinic is almost full. **Barb Stelz** to buy and deliver a Thank You gift for Dr. Kelley-Day.

New Business:

September meeting presentation: Jack is all set to give a talk on raw diets for dogs. Let your friends know. **Deb St Myers** to call Eureka Reporter to have them put an announcement about it in the "What's Happening" column. The talk will be from 7 to 8 PM. It was discussed about having Dr. Patricia Garrison, DVM give a talk at the November meeting. Topics are needed. If there are any speakers the LCKC members would like to have give a talk at a meeting, please let one of the board members know.

Woofstock: Sept. 30, 2007. **Rose Kessler** and **Jill Otto** have volunteered to man a table there. If anyone can join them please let them know.

Gift Card: A motion was made for **Irene Hetrick** to give the Kennedy's \$300 cash in appreciation of all the work they have done for the club at the last 3 Agility Trials. **MSAC**

Adjournment: 8:45 PM

Memories of our 2007 Trials...



Thanks to Jim Wasetis for the above photos.



If you dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise. - Unknown