



The Lost Coast *H O W L E R*

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NEXT MEETING:

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 16th**

at

**Mrs. Mendes' Home
405 Craig Street
Ferndale**

Directions:

From Main St., Ferndale,
turn left on Brown St.,
Brown dead ends on Craig.
Park here.

**Board Mtg. - 6:30 p.m.
Regular Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.
Join us.
Everyone is Welcome!**

President's Corner...

I have learned from the Farm Store folks that there will only be one pet fair this year, and it will be in September. They are planning a big extravaganza.

The big event coming up for us soon is HumDog's Dog Expo at Redwood Acres on February 21st from 10:30am to 4pm. There will be over 50 breeds represented with many club members setting up booths. LCKC is responsible for the Parade of Breeds which will begin at 1pm. Even if you are not involved with a booth, please feel free to come help with other jobs. If you are setting up a booth, you may do that on Saturday, February 20th, from noon until 5pm. Admission is free to the public, but please leave "non-Expo" dogs at home.

Hope to see all of you at the meeting in Ferndale on February 16th.

Jill Otto



Our secretary, Kris, reported that Lost Coast Kennel Club received the following letter from the American Kennel Club last month:

Our right to own and breed dogs is under attack. Throughout the country last year we experienced an unprecedented increase in legislation that infringes on the rights of responsible owners and breeders. Already, many similar bills have already been introduced for 2010.

Some of the 2009 bills included:

- * /New York A.7218, /which would have criminalized tail docking and make it a misdemeanor for anyone to exhibit a dog with a docked tail. The bill also allowed for any New York animal rights organization to directly sue violators of this law.
- * /Texas HB 4277 & Florida HB 451,/ as written, would have required that all dogs in the state be spayed or neutered, with very few exceptions.
- * /Montana// HB 191 & Hawaii SB 79/ would have banned the ownership of “pit bulls”, including American Staffordshire Terriers and Staffordshire Bull Terriers.
- * /26 different states introduced legislation that sought to regulate dog breeding. /Many of these bills followed a formula that included caps on animal ownership, allowed for unreasonable inspections and seizures, and arbitrary care and kennel engineering standards.

Fortunately, few of these provisions became law, but the consistency and similarity of these measures seen in state after state, demonstrates the effect of a national agenda determined to take away our rights to own and breed dogs in a manner consistent with our expertise.

The need for a united, resolute dog fancy committed to protecting our dogs and our rights has never been greater. This election year, through contributions to the AKC Political Action Committee (AKC PAC) <<http://www.akc.org/pac/>>, we have the opportunity to support lawmakers and candidates who will fight for our right to own, breed, and exhibit our beloved dogs.* Please ask all club members to consider a donation to the AKC PAC.* One hundred percent of these donations will go directly to support the campaigns of candidates who will help protect our rights. * *

I've enclosed materials that provide more information about this program. Although the AKC PAC can only accept donations from individuals, clubs can help by conducting fundraisers and encourage their members to donate to the PAC.

Please join me in taking a stand and making the voice of the dog fancy heard in Congress and in our state legislatures. Please contribute to this important program and distribute the enclosed materials to your members, colleagues and club newsletters.

Together we can ensure that the right to own, breed and exhibit dogs is protected for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Nina Schaefer
Chairman, AKC PAC Board

LCKC encourages our members not only to support AKC's national effort but to join one of the groups in California which has formed for the purpose of fighting anti-dog legislation. Concerned Dog Owners of California and PetPac are two such organizations.

The HSUS (Humane Society of the United States) does not operate a single pet shelter anywhere in the US. The millions in donations are largely spent on corporate salaries, lobbyists and misleading advertising.

We have no ethical obligation to preserve the different breeds of livestock produced through selective breeding .. One generation and out. We have no problems with the extinction of domestic animals. They are creations of Human selective breeding. - Wayne Pacelle, President/CEO of HSUS

To me, the quote in the above box is a declaration of war, and we must not let the animal rights extremists win. Become informed, and lend financial support to those groups fighting to maintain your rights. The last two pages of this newsletter contain flyers which may be printed off from your computer and posted at local businesses, kiosks, etc. - Ed.

LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2010 Adorni Center, Eureka

BOARD MEETING Called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Present: Michelle Dostal, Chris Irvin, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Jill Otto, Kris Smith, Cathlyn Wright.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Approved MSAC.

Report of the Treasurer: Chris Irvin reported on LCKC assets.

Unfinished business: Dues – notice did not go out, Michelle will send an email to those who haven't paid, then another reminder in mid February.

New Business: Trying to straighten out our IRS filing status. We will need to file 1099's for judges for 2009 taxes. Chris I. will talk to Irene about emailing them for SS numbers, and they can email back or phone. Cathy will find out the CPA who has worked on our taxes in the past.

Adjournment: 6:59 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING Called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: All of the above plus Jacqueline Carroll, Rose Kessler, Tina Moulton, Deb St Myers, and guests Irene and Al Driver from Ohio, who may move to the area and have French Bulldogs and Cardigan Corgis.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Approved MSAC

Report of the President: Jill Otto

Jill said the holiday party went well, we had a good time, good games, and good food, and thanked Chris Irvin for hosting. It was the same night as Humdog's party, so we were missing a few people. She welcomed the new board. She said the Farm Store sent out a survey to help them decide when to have their Pet Fair, as they are only going to have one this year.

Report of the Secretary: Kris Smith

Mail includes a letter from the Cooks (show photographers), AKC letters re Agility Trials, request for money from CDOC. We will not donate but will encourage our members to donate to the group of their choice regarding the fight against anti-dog legislation. Show calendars all sold right away with a profit to the club of \$20.

Report of the Treasurer: Chris Irvin reported on LCKC assets, and about dues (see above).

Report of Committees:

- Ring Practice: We need someone to coordinate ring practices and put it out on the Yahoo list, not necessarily someone who has to be there every time and set up equipment. For now, anyone can organize one; for an official one at the Fairgrounds, you have to call ahead to make sure space is available.
- Newsletter: Barb will continue to send the first page and the minutes, plus anything else that anyone sends her, but she doesn't have time to find other things to put in.
- Website: Our guests thought it was well done. (Thanks, Jim!)
- B-OB show: Cathy needs some help with mats. Discussion followed regarding types and lengths. AKC has approved parade of veterans, handling class, old timer handler class, lure coursing. Trophies: parade of veterans – medallion with LCKC logo, BOB on Friday – wood grain thermal mug with logo, BIS and H in Trials – tin art. Deb Sholes will be the vendor coordinator, and Deb St. Myers will be the trophy chair.
- Agility trial: Things are getting done. AKC has passed a rule allowing mixed breeds to compete. Michelle will repair the torn sand bag.

Election of New Members: none

Unfinished business:

- Dog Expo: Applications due, Cathy will make LCKC table signs, Chris I. will announce breeds, need helpers who don't have dogs. Ideas needed for demos on stage: Conformation with commentary, maybe grooming. Email suggestions by Feb 1.

New Business:

- First Aid for Pet Professionals – offered through HSU extension.
- Eureka Dog Park – Tina suggested an info booth at the show. They will request donations for sections of fence, will put names of donors on the fence plus memorial info etc.

Adjournment: 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary



Happy Valentine's Day to you and your four-legged family members and friends.

REMINDER!

Club membership dues were due on January 1st. However, as per club bylaws, there is a 60-day grace period, which means dues must be received no later than the end of this month.

Per our bylaws:

"Regular and Associate membership dues shall be \$15.00 per year, Family Membership shall be \$25.00 per year and Junior membership shall be \$5.00 per year. Annual dues shall be payable on or before January 1st of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid up for the current year. A membership will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first of the fiscal year. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting."

Dues may be paid in person at next week's meeting,
or they may be sent to:

**Lost Coast Kennel Club
P.O. Box 6808
Eureka CA 95501**

(If you joined the club after November 1, 2009, you are considered paid up for 2010
and do not need to send in another check.)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELE. NO: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: () Regular () Associate () Family () Junior

AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____

Where did all the dogs go?



Think it can't happen?

Think again.

If we spay and neuter all dogs and ban all breeding, where will it lead?

Read the fine print when contributing to your pet causes. You may be supporting an animal rights group that equates owning domestic pets to exploitation, which threatens your right to own a dog.

*We're more than champion dogs.
We're the dog's champion.*



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CAN YOU IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT DOGS?



Think legislation doesn't affect you? Think again.

Today your rights as a dog owner and breeder are threatened by unjust limit laws, breed-specific bills, and breeding restrictions. AKC works for responsible dog ownership and responsible legislation. Each year we monitor more than 850 state and national bills to protect the rights of dogs and their owners. We can't imagine a world without dogs — can you?

For more information visit www.akc.org/canine_legislation
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