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NEXT MEETING:

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 15th**

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...

For those of you who were unable to attend the January meeting, we watched a very informative DVD on conformation handling. Several well-known handlers demonstrated various techniques with their breeds. We watched for an hour and a half and still were not finished, so we may watch the end at a future meeting.

HumDog's Dog Expo is being held on Sunday, March 13th. If you received an invitation and wish to participate, please submit your form as soon as possible. We encourage all members to participate even if you do not have a dog to exhibit. Feel free to call me for details.

Cathy Wright is still looking for some additional volunteers for jobs at the breed-obedience shows in July. Please let her know if you can help.

See you at the February meeting in Ferndale.

Jill Otto

Club Activities:

From Debbi Sholes, tracker extraordinaire:

Just an update on LCKC's tracking training which we are currently doing near the Three Corner's Market on Old Arcata Road.

Saturday 2/5 was cool with no breeze. We had several newbies (people and dogs) but it looked like all got into the mode of finding that treat. Not so boggy when timed with the tides. We are also looking into other possible areas to track...more on that later.

We will be tracking again on Saturday 2/12. This time at 1:30 PM. Okay I have no control over the ocean (yet). So this is the best doable time on that date. Wind may be a factor but if the dogs are comfortable with the notion of tracking it does add an element of difficulty that can be handled.

Until next week...keep tracking!

If you want to come along there is plenty of room. Just let Debbi know so we can plan.

From Kris Smith – Ring Practice:

The next LCKC ring practice will be Sunday February 13, weather permitting, at Cutten School. As the time approaches, Kris will post details to the Yahoo list. We'll do rally on the 13th also.

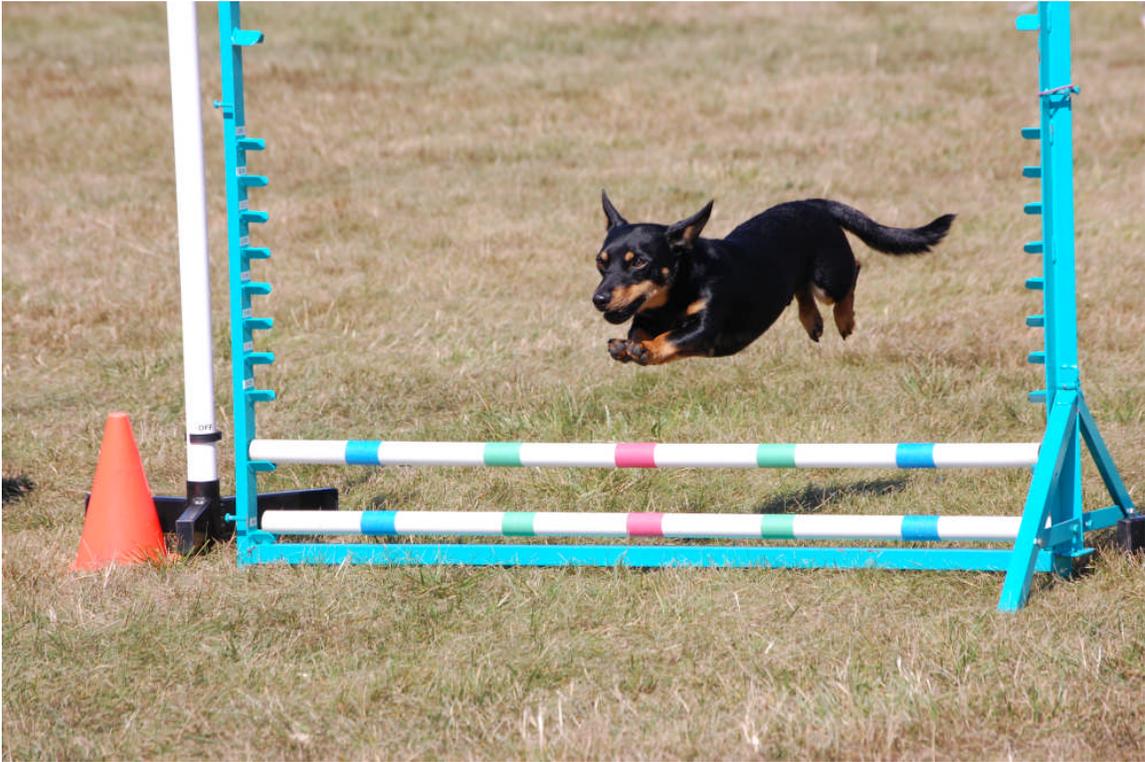
From Cathy Wright – All Breed Show Chair 2011:

We need to fax the premium list for the July shows to MB-F by February 23rd. We need trophy donors still. Please contact Deb. St. Meyers if you want to sponsor or have solicited any local business for trophy donations – this information needs to be included in the premium list.

Have you heard?

From Bev Lewis:

At the Border Terrier agility trial in Santa Rosa 1/15-17, little Druid started and finished his Novice Standard Agility title, all first place, and on 1/16 Puck triple Q'ed with a first place in FAST and just out of the ribbons in Standard and Jumpers.



From Deb St. Meyers:

At the Agility trials in Santa Rosa the first weekend in February, Sienna had one Q in Jumpers Ex. which added a couple of more points towards our MACH. Zazzy earned 2 more Q's in Open Jumpers and finished her Title. On to Excellent!!!

A happy ending from Debbi Sholes:

The Morning:



This story begins one morning when my husband and I wake up to start our usual day. We let the dogs out for their morning potty needs and back in for breakfast. But this morning we came up one short.

In the early hours of the evening before my husband was awakened by one of our older Belgian Malinois needing to go outside. My husband let out one of our senior Malinois, Dru. Now at 13 going on 14 he is still full of zip even though he is thin and grey. We left him out, there is a nice, warm, outside doghouse he likes to use. Being older he needs nighttime outs a lot these days.

Well in the morning when we started looking for Dru it was a complete mystery. He couldn't dig out, or jump. But we did go look at our front gate which we found closed, but unlatched, not how we had left it the night before. Well we continued to search throughout our house and grounds, no Dru. I had to head off to work, but my husband, who stays home, decided to

continue on with the search in the neighborhood.

The Day:

When I got to work first thing I did was call the sheriff. He told me there had been a break-in next door to us. He also said that when a unit responded to the call they saw an old shepherd walking towards HWY 36. All I could see was a horrible end for our brave dog. I continued with calls to local vets, a posting on Craig's list with a photo and a good friend helping with a posting on petharbor.com (for lost pets). The day was miserable thinking the worst. To top it all Dru is not actually my own dog but my sister's. She lives in Southern California. The call to her was tough.

The Evening:

I got home to find my husband happy and smiling. Dru was home. It seems that yes, he had chased off the intruder from our home. Followed him out to the HWY then got a little lost once there. A couple returning from Redding at around 9:30, the night of the almost intrusion, saw the old "shepherd" and picked him up. Drove him with them into Arcata where he spent the night with them. In the morning they contacted the local pound in McKinleyville and were told, yes, that dog belonged to a family in Carlotta.

This to me is the amazing part. The couple decided to drive Dru back to Carlotta and started knocking on doors. Fortunately Dave (the husband) had made the rounds, the whole neighborhood knew we were missing this dog. The first door our helpful couple contacted had our phone number and got Dave to come over.

Dave and Dru were happily reunited. But not without a moment of hesitation on Dru's part. After all, the friendly lady had been feeding Dru little donuts and he really liked them and her!

Now he is home, a bit footsore, and resting but what a page for his diary. It does give me pause, that all of my dogs except Dru have been microchipped or tattooed. In this case at least a tag would have gotten him home sooner. But we were ever so lucky to get the old fellow back.



Welcome Home Dru!

From Tina Moulton:



At the Golden Gate Kennel Club Show in Daly City last month, little Madonna (Jo-Na-Da's Madonna) got diddly in the ring on Saturday and squat on Sunday, but she was greatly admired by her public – we were hardly able to go two feet without being swamped by her fawning fans...she even made the San Francisco Chronicle online!

Check it out!

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Golden Gate Kennel Club champ upstaged by sister

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Tina Moulton holds her 2-year-old Italian greyhound, Madonna, while waiting behind the scenes at the 107th Golden Gate Kennel Club dog show at the Cow Palace in Daly City on Saturday.
Photo: Michael Macor / The Chronicle

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Know your dog!

How to Decipher Your Dog's Bark

Have you ever wondered what Fido was trying to say to you when he began barking incessantly? Dogs use a variety of sounds—barking, howling, baying, and growling—to convey different things. Your pup may be barking for attention, or growling to protect his bone. Whatever noise Fido is making, he's trying to tell you something. The American Kennel Club® offers the following tips on how to decipher your dog's bark.

- **Is anyone out there?** Dogs can communicate with others far away by howling. When dogs travel in a pack and one gets separated, the lost dog will begin howling and wait for the others to respond. That way, he will know which way to travel to be reunited with his pack. Sometimes, dogs hear sounds such as a siren that they perceive to be another dog calling to them, and they'll start howling in response.
- **Stranger Beware!** Fido will defend himself and his space against strangers by emitting a deep, explosive series of barks. This signals to the approaching person to stay away.
- **Hey, I'm over here!** Barking is also used to get attention. Smaller dogs that are doted on by their owners tend to bark more for attention, since they are used to being the center of everything. Attention barking consists of a long series of loud yaps. Once you give him what he's looking for, he'll stop. If you ignore him further, he will most likely keep going!
- **Keep away!** Growling is designed to keep opponents away, especially if your pooch has a treat he is protecting. He will let out a deep growl that signals to anyone coming close that it is dangerous to approach.
- **The hunt is on!** Baying is a deep, prolonged sound that dogs would let out during the hunt to signal that the quarry is near. This sound is unique to most hounds.

You can learn more about the different sounds your dog makes and what he is trying to say at www.meetthebreeds.com.

American Kennel Club News – from www.AKC.org

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The American Kennel Club's Overall Entries Increase in 2010

Date of Article: January 18, 2011

-- Records More Than 3 Million Entries --

The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) leapt over the 3 million entry mark in 2010, recording a total of more than 3,014,000 dog entries across all conformation, companion and performance events. The growth over the number of entries received in 2009 was sparked by the ever-growing interest in the sport of Agility, where entries increased by 9%. The new "Grand Champion" title assisted shows by providing an increase of over 40,000 additional entries in Best of Breed. This equates to more than \$1.2 million in additional entry fees to Conformation clubs.

"We were very proud to see the uptick in entries," said Dennis B. Sprung, AKC's President and CEO. "The increase is a promising step forward for our clubs in the face of a persistently challenging economy. We will continue to research ways to enhance the fun and value of competing in each of our sports."

In addition, Sprung said, "We salute the finest Agility competitors in the nation who continue to set records; the entire AKC community appreciates their skills."

The 2010 entry total includes entries from all-breed and specialty conformation shows, obedience, field trials, hunt tests, coonhound events, herding tests and trials, lure coursing, agility, earthdog, tracking and rally.

Editors note: It would be interesting to know if the increase in entries was greatly influenced by the addition of mixed breeds to AKC performance events.

Three New Loveable Breeds Join AKC Family

Date of Article: January 25, 2011

– The Entlebucher Mountain Dog, the Six-Toed Norwegian Lundehund and the Ancient and Rare Xoloitzcuintli Gain Full AKC Recognition –

The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) expanded its litter of registered breeds on January 1, to welcome the Entlebucher Mountain Dog, the Norwegian Lundehund and the Xoloitzcuintli --growing AKC's family to 170 breeds.

"The AKC is delighted to introduce these three distinct breeds to the public," said AKC Spokesperson Gina DiNardo. "Each loveable breed has a unique and diverse history and is a wonderful addition to the AKC."



Entlebucher Mountain Dog /
Jay Schuff

The [Entlebucher Mountain Dog](#) was bred to move cows from pasture to pasture in the Swiss Alps. The breed is medium-sized and prized for its agreeable nature, trainability, and devotion. Entles are an active, high energy and physical breed with above average exercise requirements, so they are best suited for active families and not the casual dog owner. Additional facts on this breed can be found on the National Entlebucher Mountain Dog Association's website at: www.nemda.org

The [Norwegian Lundehund](#) is known for having six toes on each foot and the ability to tip its head backward until it touches its backbone. These unique characteristics enabled the Norwegian Lundehund to climb steep, rocky cliffs and navigate crevices where the Puffins, a bird they were bred to hunt, nested. Lundehunds make loyal and playful companions, but can be wary of strangers if not socialized. Additional facts on this breed can be found on the Norwegian Lundehund Association of America's at: www.nlaainc.com



Norwegian Lundehund /
Tracy Rousseau



Xoloitzcuintli / Lesley Mattuchio

The [Xoloitzcuintli](#) (pronounced show-low-etz-queent-lee) is one of the world's rarest breeds and is still considered a "healer" in remote Mexican and Central American Villages today. The breed comes in three sizes: toy, miniature and standard; and two varieties: hairless and coated, which makes the Xolo ideal for those looking for a dog with more variety. They serve as an excellent companion for families due to their attentive and calm nature and require moderate exercise and grooming.

Additional facts on this breed can be found on the Xoloitzcuintli Club of America's website at: www.xoloitzcuintliclubofamerica.org

In addition, the AKC also welcomed the following breeds into the Miscellaneous Class: [Bergamasco](#), [Boerboels](#), [Portuguese Podengo Pequenos](#), [Sloughis](#), [Peruvian Inca Orchid](#), [Pumi](#), [Dogo Argentino](#) and [Wirehaired Vizsla](#).

For breeds to become AKC-registered, they must first be recorded with an accepted registry. The AKC Foundation Stock Service® (FSS®) is the AKC's recording service for purebred breeds that are not yet eligible for AKC registration. After a breed is entered into FSS the recognition process begins with a written request to compete in the Miscellaneous Class from a National Breed Club. While there is no established timetable for adding new breeds, dogs typically compete in the Miscellaneous Class for one to three years. More information on the process can be found at the AKC's [Web site](#).

MINUTES OF THE LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB
January 18, 2011 Adorni Center, Eureka

BOARD MEETING: called to order by President Jill Otto at 6:40 pm

Present: Sara Borok, Michelle Dostal, Beverly Morgan-Lewis, Jill Otto, Bayard Smith, Kris Smith, Cathy Wright.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: MSAC to approve as published

Report of the Treasurer: Not present

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Bev reported that there is a new non regular agility class which we will offer as the first class of the day at the trials. There will be a "fun run" match on Friday.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

REGULAR MEETING: called to order by President Jill Otto at 7:00 p.m.

Present: all of the above plus Rose Kessler, Nicole Morris, Tina Moulton, George Sachtleben, Barb Stelz, and Mary Ann Wik.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: MSAC to approve as published.

Report of the President: nothing new

Report of the Secretary: Dog show calendars are selling, misc promotional mail received.

Report of the Treasurer: Not present. 2011 dues are due.

Report of Committees:

- Ring Practice: Next practice Feb 13, weather permitting.
- Tracking: Nothing new
- Newsletter: New editor Tina Moulton said she'd like to a monthly feature about a member and their breed. Interview format.
- Website: nothing new
- B-OB show: Evanger's will sponsor premium, armbands, etc – good deal. Trophies will be local art.
- Agility Trial: The \$200 donation to Ferndale HS soccer program has been done. Might hire some of the students for set up and take down. New agility class was discussed.

Election of New Members: None

Unfinished Business

- HumDog Dog Expo, March 13 - LCKC doing parade of breeds. Need a ring steward – not somebody who is presenting dogs.
- Sled dog competition for which we were a sponsor was cancelled due to lack of snow.

New Business:

- Yahoo Group administrator/AKC liason – Jeannie Breslin needs to retire from both jobs. Mary Ann Wik will look into taking them over.
- An inquiry about Yahoo Group membership/club membership will be taken care of by Bev
- Tina proposed starting a LCKC Facebook page. Approved.

The Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

The Regular Meeting was followed by a viewing of the CDOC handling video.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith,
LCKC Secretary