



The Lost Coast *H O W L E R*

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NEXT MEETING:

**TUESDAY,
September 20th**

at

The Adorni Center
1011 Waterfront Drive
Eureka

Board Mtg. - 6:30 p.m.

**Regular Mtg. - 7:00
p.m.**

Join us.

**Everyone is
Welcome!**

President's Corner

I have been remiss in not welcoming new members lately. We have had several folks join over the last few months. They are as follows:

Vicke Casey who runs agility and has a Corgi and a new fox terrier pup

Mette Bryans who lives in Eureka and has several dogs who do obedience

Brandy Riley, Allan Nelson, and Sidney Stevens who have an American Al-laut and are getting a Standard Poodle pup

Diane Sudori who lives in Eureka with two Dobermans

Karen Larkin who lives in Blue Lake

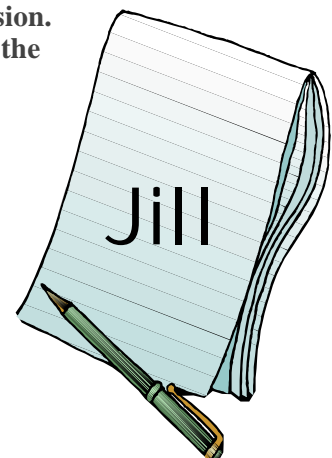
Kathrin Burleson who lives in Trinidad and has Corgis

Victoria Howe who lives in Hayfork

I'm sorry I don't have more complete information on each of you, but welcome to the club.

The Farm Store Pet Fair is coming up on Saturday, September 24th. LCKC will have a booth, so please let Sara Borok know if you can help out anytime during the day. She is also looking for raffle items for a basket to be donated to the pet fair raffle. All proceeds go to the rescue groups.

We will be planning a get-together for sometime in October. It has been a pizza party in the past, but that may change this year. Plan to come to the September meeting and be a part of that decision. See you there on Tuesday, September 20th at the Adorni Center in Eureka



Club Activities

We had a great time at Woofstock, Sequoia Humane Society's annual Fundraiser. LCKC's friend Susan Hartman Dean and her Spinone "Rocket" won the costume contest!



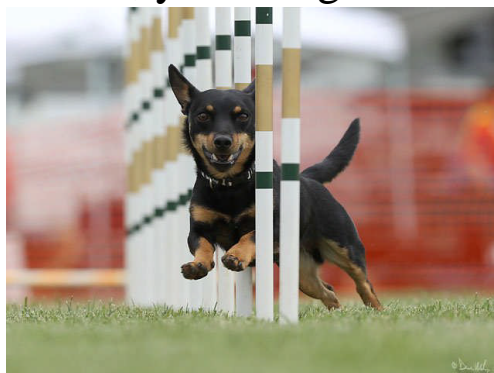
LCKC will have a booth at the Farm Store Pet Fair
On Saturday, September 24th
10 Am - 4 PM
3956 Jacob's Ave, Eureka CA

We will be supporting the **AKC's Responsible Pet Owners Day** and will have lots of handouts, breed information, and other fun stuff...

There will be all kinds of rescue organizations, vendor booths, and the dock diving dogs will be there!

Congratulations!

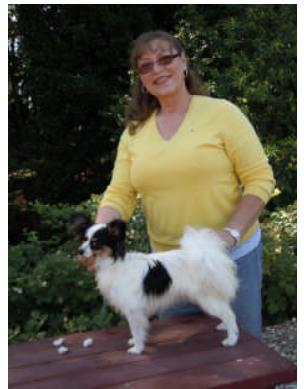
To Beverly Morgan Lewis on passing the Teacup Dogs Agility Association judges clinic earlier this month -
To learn more about the TDAA, you can go to:
www.k9tdaa.com



Have you heard?

From MaryAnn Wik :

Belladonna's Sparkling Morning Glory "Glory" won a point at the Mensona KC show. It was only her second weekend out :). Glory is pictured with her handler Margaret Mayes. Glory went on to gain a second at the Gold Country KC on Saturday 9/3 and a first on Sunday 9/4.



Deanna's Supernatural "Moses" got two points at the Gold Country show in Grass Valley on Saturday 9/3 and 1st place ribbon and Reserve at the same show and location on 9/4 Sunday! :) Moses is pictures with his handler Christa Steele.

MaryAnn also welcomes International Champion Scooby Dooby Doo Forussi "Nemo" to her home. MaryAnn hopes to add an AKC championship to Nemo's impressive accomplishments.



Deb St. Meyers shares this great news...

"MACH RALLY"

Rally Freeman and her Human, Clare, earned their Championship Master Agility Title on August 28, 2011, at the Mensona Trial. What a exciting journey for many who were there on good days and bad with Rally and Clare. Congrats to both of them.

Also from Deb St. Meyers and Agate English Cockers:

Zazzy took the points both days in Bandon, OR with a BOB on Sunday.

Jasper took winners dog on Sunday at same show.

We had a good weekend .

Now going to major hunt with Zazzy. We will continue our MACH point accumulation in the Agility ring.

"The FUN place to be".

AND Sienna continues to rack up the MACH points in the Agility ring.

Have you heard?

From Kris and Bayard Smith:

Tillie Deerhound has discovered an exciting new hobby - straight racing with the Large Gazehound Racing Association.

She figured it out at the Nationals in June, finishing her last two races going away.

In Cottage Grove on August 20 and 21, with a big group of seven Deerhounds racing, she came in second the first day, and won on the second day.

She is looking forward to two more races coming up, especially now that kennel-mate Kaelyn will be old enough to race, too. They are prepping with regular work outs on the beach and in the timber lands.

Kris has posted some awesome beach pics on Facebook - there is a link to the pics on the LCKC Facebook page.



From Irene Hetrick:

Bahama, Foxfire's I'm a Delight, just won her third Specialty major at the Redwood Empire show! She's at 10 points now. This must be our lucky show because her mother, Jamaica, finished her championship there with a 5 point major two years ago. Here's a photo of her relaxing with her favorite pillow.



Getting to know... Chris I rvin!

LCKC member since (and current position):

I don't know, at least 8 years. I'm currently the treasurer.

Previous positions held with LCKC?

Board member

What breed or breeds is your focus?

Belgian Tervuren

What attracted you to the breed(s)?

Their beauty and intelligence



Do you have a kennel name? If so, how did you decide on your kennel name?

D'Qmar Tervuren. My first Terv held a Star Trek name (Imzadi, which translates to "first love") so keeping with the Star Trek theme I wanted something Klingon sounding so I came up with D'Qmar

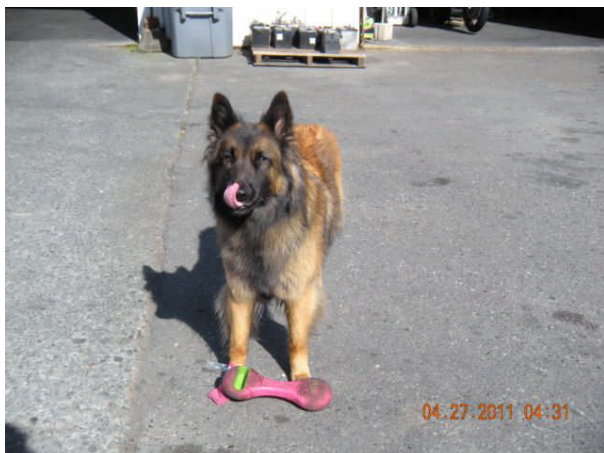
What activities do you participate in with your dogs?

I compete mostly in confirmation, agility and rally. I do title my dogs in obedience and herding but don't actively compete in the higher levels.

Any particular highs or lows you would like to share or special dogs you want to tell us about?

Getting a new puppy is always exciting and such a high point! Competing for Best in Show with my dog was definitely a high that will stay with me forever. Unfortunately losing a dog even to old age is always a low. Its even worse when your dog passes unexpectedly at an early age as it did with Magic at 5 years old.

Each Terv I've had has been special in their own right. There's nothing like your first, or the one that is so charismatic people are drawn to it. Then There's the layed back dog that loves people, and how can we forget the devil's child dog whose drive and intensity is like no other. At the end of each day they are all glad to see you, cuddle with you, and love you and want your love in return. There's nothing more special than that.



How long have you been "into" dogs?

I started competing in 1992. First in obedience, then confirmation. Once agility hit the dog world I got into that. Growing up we always had a family dog(pound puppies) and they usually slept with me.

What other breeds have shared your life?

Australian Shepherd, Pomeranian and shelter dogs.

Do you have any special goals for your dog(s)?

They say Tervs are a versatile breed so I try and put versatility titles on all my tervs.(4 of 5 titles required by the national club) I'd love to put a Mach (agility) on Chablis. One day I'd like to compete at Westminster with a Terv I feel is worthy.

How have dogs changed your life?

I don't know about changing my life. They are my life. I can't imagine having a home without one.

Any parting comments you want to add? Although I compete and play with my dogs my favorite thing is just sitting and watching them interact with their surroundings whether it be with each other, pouncing on bugs, or just sleeping. O.K. if I watch them to much while they're sleeping I'm up bugging them. Yep my dogs are my life!



Congratulations Chris on your recent wedding!



The Stand and Tail Up

By Michelle Santana, Foxfire Dobermans

The first thing I teach is the stand. When placing the front legs under the body I say “place”. Then cradling the muzzle/underjaw in my hand I say “foot back” when I place the rear feet back. The feet don’t have to be a long way back at first, just comfortably so. I then tell the dog to “stand” or “stand stay”. I increase the time to stand/stay as time goes on. I then say “Okay”, release the dog, jump around, give it food, act crazy and generally have fun. Eventually you can stop verbalizing the “place” and “foot back” Your dog will know from the word “stand” what you expect.

(Ed note: This is for dogs that need to hold their tails up in the ring)

After placing the rear feet back, go to the tail and say “tail up” as you stroke the underside of the tail. Any time you stroke the tail, it is good to say “tail up.” When I say “tail up” I stroke the tail gently in a tickling manner with my fingertips. If you meet resistance, in most cases, it is best not to push.

You have to do “tail up” in a variety of soothing settings, like while they’re on your lap watching TV and relaxing, in the park while playing ball, while on a walk in the neighborhood or while watching something that interests them, It HAS to be equated to pleasure in your dog’s mind. It’s okay to say “tail up” as you stroke it, even if the tail is already up. It’s good reinforcement.

If you have a dog that resists “tail up”, you will need to re-present the exercise with good feelings! The best trick I have found for this is “tail up” repeated over and over. With real clampers it takes time and patience to gain their trust and for them to see tail massaging as pleasurable. I then take this further to whenever (at the park, on a walk) the opportunity presents itself, like when the dog or pup comes up to be petted. (You know how dogs come up alongside of you and lean for loving or attention?) I start the full massage to relax them; working down the back to the tail saying “tail up” all the while I stroke the tail with my fingertips. Eventually you will be able to do just the tail. I have been able to get the most stubborn tail clampers to relax with this process.

Another technique is, while stacking after you have placed the feet, to give the dog something to nibble on. (Something soft that is easily nibbled on like Rollover, hotdogs, cheese.) You may have to teach the nibble so the dog/pup doesn’t bite your fingers/hand off! You don’t want to use something where the dog has to start a tug-of-war to break off nibble size pieces. As the dog is nibbling you start the tail up massage and tickling routine. Usually they will be so focused on nibbling that they forget to be uptight and will relax and let you stroke the tail up. This is a process. Don’t expect dramatic results immediately. It takes time to teach the dog/pup to relax and enjoy the experience of “tail up”.

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MINUTES OF THE LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB August 16, 2011 Mendes home, Ferndale

BOARD MEETING: called to order by President Jill Otto at 6:45 pm.

Present: Sharon Kennedy, Chris Irvin, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Nick Mendes, Jill Otto, Kris Smith.

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

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

Unfinished Business:

- Farm Store Pet Fair – Saturday, Sep 24.

- 2011 Show catalogs will be given to the Hickmans.

New Business: Nick suggested giving a \$75 gift certificate from the pizza shop to the Frontier workers who put up our show banner. Will recommend to do it at the regular meeting.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

REGULAR MEETING: called to order by Beverly Morgan Lewis at 7:00 p.m., as Jill Otto was called away for an emergency.

Present: all of the above plus Al and Irene Driver, Rose Kessler, Tina Moulton, Cindy Toste, Cathy Wright.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: MSAC to approve as published with the following corrections: Dollar amounts will be deleted from the Treasurers' Report, and we will not put this year's winners on the wooden plaque, and will retire the trophy.

Report of the President: Before she left, Jill welcomed new members and thanked Bev and club members for a successful agility trial.

Report of the Secretary: Misc. promotional mail, Sportsmen's Insurance renewal, thank-you from Holiday Inn Express, notice Vegas Valley Dog Club Obedience Trial, and various AKC show and trial reports.

Report of the Treasurer: Chris reported on our assets. There are still some agility trial checks to come in and go out. Ferndale Fairgrounds got audited; being public, their users have to share property taxes, so we will be paying \$100/year. Chris will check with Susan of Sportsmen's Insurance regarding working for additional insureds.

Report of Committees:

Ring Practice: Nothing planned. Will plan by request.

Tracking: Deb not here.

Newsletter: Need more news! Tina was complimented on the agility coverage. She said to look online for the videos.

- Website: update planned soon.

B-OB show: More thank you notes from judges, who like our show. Financials not finished yet, but we made around \$8K. Discussion of the exhibitor who was rude and dangerous, driving a vehicle unsafely through a crowd. There were some complaints about the order of go for lure coursing sign-ups, which the IW club is aware of. Thank you to Rose for stepping up to be Obedience Chair at the last minute.

Agility Trial: Successful trial, we got \$13K from the secretary, but there are still expenses. **MSAC to use Laurie Abbott as Agility Trial secretary again next year.** Discussion about donation of some profits, as we have a relatively large treasury and need to be careful re taxes. **MSAC to donate \$500 from the Friday match to the US World Agility Team. MSAC to donate \$250 to the Ferndale High School Soccer Program, in thanks for the use of the field.** Received thank-yous from the judges. There were some complaints about the order of events, which will be taken into consideration next year.

Motion made and seconded to invest up to \$3K in rubberized footing for equipment and a back up set of weave poles.

Vote will be taken at the next meeting. There was one nipping incident, for which the dog had to be excused.

Election of New Members: Victoria Howe, Kathryn Burleson, and Karen Larkin were elected to membership. Membership renewal was discussed, as some members do not know when it is time. Different methods of renewal notification were discussed, but no decisions made. Currently, emails and Yahoo Group notices go out, with postcards going to those who do not renew.

Unfinished Business

Woofstock: Jill, Rose, Sara, Tina, Cathy will be there; info to go out on Yahoo group.

Farm Store Pet Fair: Sara organizing. For out activity, Tina got an AKC Responsible Dog Owner Day Kit.

Flyers: Tina is working on new club info flyers.

New Business:

- Pizza Party: October? Tina will find out about a party at Olivia's Beastro/All Dogs Bakery.

- **MSAC to donate a gift certificate to the people who put up our show banner, as described above.**

- It was pointed out that some of the member contact information is obsolete, and we need an update. Many ideas were suggested. Al and Irene Driver volunteered to become the new membership chairs if Michelle is ready to give it up, and they will look into updates as well as renewal issues. Will discuss more at the next meeting.

- Cathy W told about a family she knows who need help in acquiring a PALS service dog for a special needs child.

Motion made and seconded to donate \$1,000 towards a service dog for Noah C. Vote will be taken next meeting.

- Cathy said she can't be show chair next year, and we need to find a new one soon because plans for the 2012 show need to get started soon. Al Driver volunteered to be the 2012 show chair, with Cathy's mentoring. Everybody thanked Al.

- Cindy has a friend who is an attorney, and she does a seminar on how to include pets in estate planning. She suggested inviting her to a show or meeting. The feeling was that there probably would not be enough time at a show, and not enough participation locally at a meeting.

The Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary