



The Lost Coast **H O W L E R**

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NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY,
October 18th
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

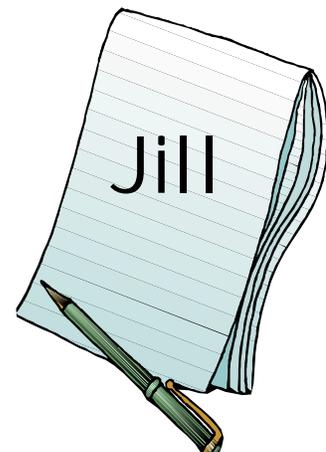
For those of you who were able to attend the club dinner at All Dogs Biscuit Bakery on October 5th, I hope you had a good time. There were 19 humans and 9 or 10 fur kids. We had a great lasagna dinner and lots of time to chat. Maybe we should make this an annual affair.

We also attended the Farm Store Pet Fair recently. A big thanks to Sara Borok for chairing that event for LCKC. There was a large turnout this year with many folks visiting the Lost Coast booth.

We will be accepting officer and board member nominations at the upcoming October meeting and will be closing all nominations at the end of the meeting. If you have any interest in running for a position, please let me know before the meeting and/or plan to attend the meeting to announce your intentions. Any and all club members are welcome to participate.

The holidays are almost upon us, so we will be setting a holiday party date soon. Save room on your calendar.

See you at the meeting in Ferndale on October 18th.



Club Activities

Club members had a great time out for a sit down dinner at the All Dogs Bakery / Olivia's Beastro in Henderson Center in Eureka. It was really nice to do something where our dogs were welcome to join us (you can't see the dogs in the pic because they were all being "good dogs" sitting on the floor...).



Watch the Yahoo group list for announcements about ring practices.

We will be making plans for our annual holiday party to be held in December - more to follow on that. Before you know it, we'll be working hard planning for The 2012 All Breed Shows and Agility Trials!



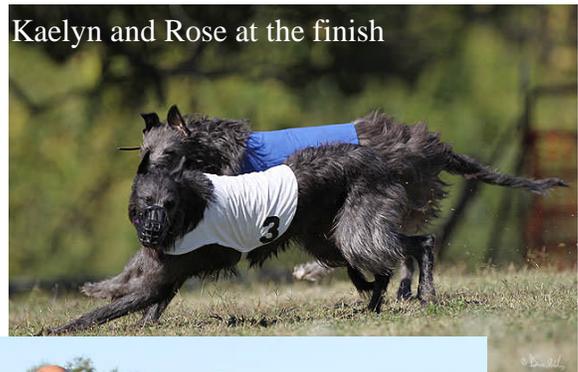


Congratulations To Bayard and Kris Smith...

Kaelyn Deerhound (Fernhill's Kaelyn at Jeffcairn) is the "new rocket of the West," according to the owner of a competitor. Last month we took her to Cottage Grove, to her first LGRA (Large Gazehound Racing Association) meet, intending to introduce her to the sport and have her provide some points for the other Deerhounds. To everyone's surprise, she won all her races both days, going away. Her kennelmate, Tillie, was a close second, but just couldn't keep up.

Last weekend we took them both to the LGRA Nationals, held in Redding this year. Youth triumphed again, as she won every race. This time she was pushed hard by the second fastest DH in the west, both of them followed closely by Tillie. It was quite a sight.

LGRA is straight racing, a sprint down a 200 yard track on a mowed field. It's a great way to start young running hounds, as there are no turns to stress the joints laterally. As she grows up, we look forward to trying NOTRA (oval racing) and lure coursing.



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Have you heard?

From Irene Hetrick:

Bahama, "not the mama"(Jamaica), finished her AKC championship at the Donner Trail show in style with two more majors, one being a specialty win! Bahama is now Ch Foxfire's I'm a Delight (and she is!). She is pictured in a previous win photo with Michelle Santana.



From Al and Irene Driver:

We had a good weekend at the Donner Trail Kennel Club and Sacramento Dog Training Club Shows. Irene's French Bulldog went WB on Saturday for the point. Al's Cardigans, CH Ulamauna's Silverado of Ald RN "Truck" earned his CD, and CH Ald's Speed Racer "Speed" earned his 1st leg towards his RN.



From Deb St. Meyers:

<---- Here is a pic of Zazzy . It's a fun one.
We had a great weekend at the St. Francis trial in Vallejo last month! Sienna had a QQ day and a single Q day to earn her Excellent Standard Masters title. She was a little under the hot weather for her last run at 90.F. I was feeling it too.
Zazzy had 2 QQ 's over the same weekend. She also earned a title of Excellent Standard. We are now earning Master Agility Champion points on both English Cocker Spaniel girls at Agate English Cocker Household. Weeee!

From Beverly Morgan Lewis:

In Central Point, Oregon on 10/9/2011 both Druid and Puck passed their therapy dog evaluations, joining sister Fern as certified therapy dogs with Therapy Dogs International. The photo is of a painting of Bev's dogs by Paula Cunningham.



COURTESY IN THE RING

By Michelle Santana, Foxfire Dobermans

Each professional handler may have their own “wishes” of others, and then there are the “rules”, whether documented or just courtesy-implied.

My beliefs are based on what I would expect to be done unto me.

Question: How much room should you place between you and the handler & dog in front of you?

Answer: This is really hard to gauge sometimes. I prefer to err on the side of leaving too much room, that way; you will have plenty of room to work your dog. I'd guesstimate leaving about two, maybe three feet – IF the ring allows it.

Important point to remember is you have to leave enough room for each person to ‘show’ their dog to it's best advantage. That is the single most important reason you are there – to show your dog. If you don't leave enough room in front of you and the judge wants to see the dog's expression, you want the ability to bait your dog while standing in front of it (I like to do this). You are going to compromise the judge's impression if you've left no room for this maneuver! You have to have enough room between you and the dog in front of you so that your legs or clothing don't hinder the dog in front of you if you have to bait your dog from the front. You need “maneuvering” room.

If you feel a handler is crowding you from behind you need to access and address this BEFORE they get all set up. Politely ask, “Could you please give me a little more room? My dog gets nervous if we're crowded.” Most handlers will be happy to oblige. If you wait until the handler's dog is all set up, (and most likely those behind him as well), you're apt to be met with a glare and the handler may or may not move, depending on if it will jeopardize the ‘area’ they scoped out for themselves. It's not that the handler wants to be a Grinch but they have to calculate if they will have enough room and time to show their dog off to its best advantage if they oblige you. If you make an error in calculating how much room you need and then have to back up into the handler behind your space, you aren't going to like the look you will get if it ends up messing up their dog. You need to be cognizant of the fact that your efforts may actually prevent another handler from presenting their dog properly.

You need to be aware of when it's your turn as well as when all the dogs are done and it's time for the final line-up. I see a lot of handlers not paying attention and messing up in this area. Everyone makes mistakes occasionally – with getting too close/crowded/disrupting another handler's dog. It just happens, even in the best of situations. If you feel you've possibly caused someone's dog to mess up because of a miscalculation, just apologize sincerely. Usually, if it doesn't become habitual, all will be forgotten very quickly.

Question: Is it OK to speak to the judge?

Answer: From my experience some judges are very gregarious in the ring and chat with everyone. Others are stone walls. I always try to smile and maybe give eye contact, just as a pleasantry. When a judge asks you to do something, a polite yes sir/ma'am is in order.

Each judge pretty much sets their own ‘tone’ as to how much conversation they want to have during judging. You have to take your direction from what you sense from them. If you win and are having your photo taken with the judge it is perfectly OK to carry on a conversation.

Question: How much time does one take when readying for the down and back?

Answer: Well....when the judge starts tapping his foot you know he's ready and waiting! Actually, take your time, within reason. Some judges are more than a little rude and literally hurry you along. But generally, most really want to see you and your dog perform at your best. You might just be their winner! So....it behooves you to:

- BREATHE, collect the collar up around your dog's neck;
- Collect the lead in your hand;
- Do a courtesy turn so you can get your dog in a smooth, rhythmic trot;
- Look down the ring to fixate on a mark to run straight to and make the darndest smooth, rhythmic straight down and back that any mentor would be proud of!;
- When you get to the end of the ring, make your turn to come back, look up so you can see if you are still in alignment with the judge, look him in the eye so he sees that you're confident that you have the best dog entered and make a bee line back to him;
- IMPORTANT! You should already have a "game plan" in your mind as to where exactly you are going to stop for the free bait (about 3 feet from the judge). Don't get so caught up in watching your dog that you forget your 'mark' and crowd, or worse yet, run into the judge when you free bait!

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MINUTES OF THE LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB

September 20, 2011 Adorni Center, Eureka

BOARD MEETING: called to order by President Jill Otto at 6:43 pm.

Present: Sara Borok, Chris Irvin, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Jill Otto, Kris Smith, Cindy Toste.

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

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

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

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

Present: all of the above plus Al and Irene Driver, Rose Kessler, Patti Mendes, Tina Moulton, Mary Ann Wik, Cathy Wright, and guest, Angela Cutten.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: MSAC to approve as published with the following change: Use only the initial of the last name of the service dog donation recipient.

Report of the President: Jill said she is up to speed now with moderating the Yahoo group, including inviting new members to join. She thanked Al Driver for volunteering to be the 2010 show chair.

Report of the Secretary: Misc. promotional mail, thank-you from World Agility Team, Guide Dog magazine.

Report of the Treasurer: Chris reported on our assets. Still a few loose ends before full show and trial accounting is done.

Report of Committees:

Ring Practice: Call or announce on yahoo group if you want to set up a practice.

Tracking: Deb not here.

Newsletter: "Get-To-Know" questionnaire is in the yahoo files. Send photos, breed info, other articles (with permission).

- Website: updates needed.

B-OB show: Cathy went over a few issues that will have to be addressed for the next show, including speaker system, parking passes for workers, RV parking changes in premium list, change time of grooming set up start to not before 2 pm on Thursday, some vendor issues, judge hospitality (especially transportation), help for Nick (canopy team?). Al suggested looking into "AKC Online" – President sets up a password, and all the paperwork can be done online. **Al and Jill will work on setting up an AKC online show account.** BIS/HIT list which will go in premium – we have dog and year; if we want owners, we will have to research back to find them, and decide if there will be room. We need Obedience and Rally Chairs in order to fill out AKC applications. Irene Driver will head up Judges Hospitality. Question – is anyone in the club/show staff not allowed to show? **Al will find out if there are any rules about who can show. LCKC Board should discuss the question.** 2012 show dates are F,S,S June 29-31.

Agility Trial: Last meeting the following motion was made and seconded: **To invest up to \$3K in rubberized footing for equipment and a back up set of weave poles. Vote was taken and motion approved.** 2012 Trial dates are S,S,M July 21-23.

Election of New Members: **Sandra Gould and Angela Curran were elected to membership.** The check of one of the members elected last meeting was returned, and her phone has been disconnected. Since she has been elected to membership already, she will be a member "not in good standing" until payment has been resolved.

Election of Officers and Board: Nominations open at the beginning of the October meeting. Current officers and board members were asked if they would be willing to continue. Jill (Pres) – yes, one more year. Michelle – no (Al Driver is willing to be nominated for that position). Chris (Treas) – yes. Kris (Sec) – yes. Board members Bev, Sara, Deb – all yes.

Unfinished Business

Farm Store Pet Fair: Sara said everything is ready, she is getting set-up items from Rose, needs things for the raffle basket, set up has to be done by 9. **Sara will buy a display easel so we won't have to borrow one.**

Meetings with topics/speakers might draw more members. **Sara will contact Sarah Greene re acupuncture, chiropractics for dogs.**

Flyers: Tina will have new flyers by the weekend.

Club party: Olivia's Beastro/All Dogs Bakery, a Tues or Wed in Oct – **Jill will check dates with owner.**

Irene Driver will take over Membership List from Michelle.

Last meeting the following motion was made and seconded: **To donate \$1,000 towards getting a PALS service dog for Noah C. Vote was taken and motion approved.** Donation will go to PALS, earmarked for Noah.

New Business:

- Rose said the 4-H needs people to talk to kids about dog events, activities, and what they can do with their dogs. She will put it on the yahoo group list.

- Jesse Chiaudano is working on organizing an obedience seminar.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary.