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NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY,
April 19th
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 couldn't be at our last meeting to hear about the HumDog Dog Expo, it was a big success. Even with the rain, there was a good crowd. There were almost 50 breeds represented, many of them belonging to LCKC members. Thank you all for your support. Pat Johnson sent a survey to each participant, so here's your chance to comment on the event. I have reviewed the ones that have already been submitted and will comment on a few of the items at our next meeting. All comments and suggestions are appreciated.

Our next big events are the breed-obedience shows and the agility trials. It takes "all hands on deck" for these shows, so please plan to help if you can.

I am submitting the application for Woofstock which follows right behind our agility trials, so it will be a busy summer.

Hope to see all of you at our upcoming meeting in Ferndale.

Jill Otto

Club Activities

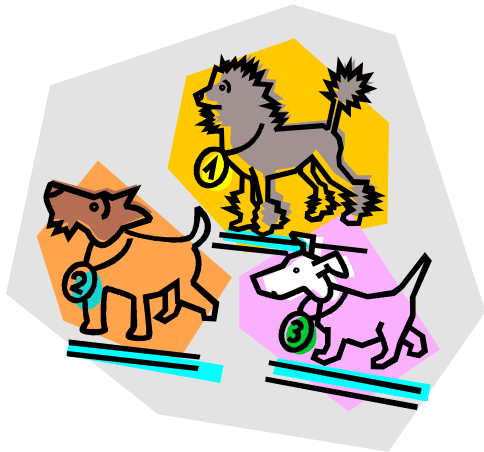
Tracking practice (Debbi Sholes):



Watch the Yahoo list for announcements about tracking dates and times.

Next date: Saturday April 16 at 8 AM at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds in Ferndale.

Ring practice/rally/obedience (Kris Smith):



Watch the Yahoo list for announcements for dates, times, and location.

Our next practice is currently planned for the first weekend in May.

All-Breed Show July 1-3, 2011 (Cathy Wright- show chair):

Come to our next meeting on 4/19 in Ferndale for the latest updates. Premium list should be available soon.

Agility Trials July 23-25, 2011 (Beverly Morgan Lewis – trial chair)

Updates at the next club meeting in Ferndale.



Congratulations!

To Irene Hetrick on the birth of her new litter of Dobermans!

2 girls and 5 boys.

The first one came at 5:30pm on March 16

and the last one at 3:15 AM on the 17th!!!!

Whelping is the **ONLY** thing in life Jamaica does slowly.



“Jamaica” –

CH Foxfire's I'm All That, CD,RE,AX,AXJ,OF.

Sire is "Jet" CH Foxfire's All Star, who was last year's Stud Dog of the Year and the Eukanuba winner in the Breeder's Stakes. He's the sire of the #1 Doberman in the nation, the fabulous Fifi!



It's never too early to get used to cats...

Where in the world is.....

Beverly Morgan Lewis?????

Beverly recently finished a judging assignment in Alaska!
She got to do a little mushing while she was in the frozen north:

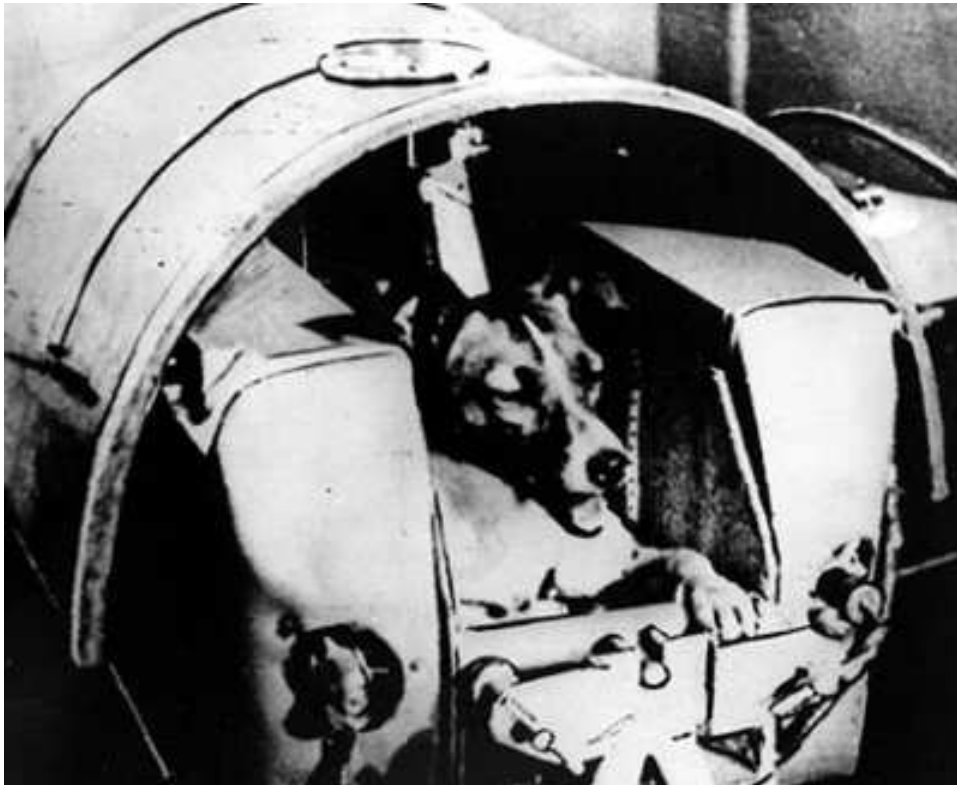


Yup, that is actually Bev under all that parka!

Did you know?

April 12th is Russian Cosmonaut Day!

Before people went up into space, a Russian dog made the trip:



Scientists in the Soviet Union were sure that organisms from Earth could live in space. To demonstrate that, they sent the world's second artificial space satellite — Sputnik 2 — to space from the Baikonur Cosmodrome on November 3, 1957.

On board was a live mongrel dog named Laika (Barker in Russian) on a life-support system. Laika also was known as Kudryavka (Little Curly in Russian). The American press nicknamed the dog Muttik.

While other animals had made suborbital flights, Laika was the first animal to go into orbit. She suffered no ill effects while she was alive in an orbit at an altitude near 2,000 miles.

Laika had been a stray dog — mostly a Siberian husky and around three years old — rounded up from the Moscow streets and trained for space flight. She was carried aloft in a capsule which remained attached to the converted SS-6 intercontinental ballistic missile which rocketed her to orbit.

The 1,120-lb. Sputnik 2 was outfitted with scientific gauges, life-support systems, and padded walls, but was not designed for recovery. Laika was supported inside the satellite by a harness that allowed some movement and access to food and water. Electrodes transmitted vital signs including heartbeat, blood pressure and breathing rate.

The American press nicknamed the dog Muttik. She captured the hearts of people around the world as the batteries that operated her life-support system ran down and the capsule air ran out. Life slipped away from Laika a few days into her journey. Later, Sputnik 2 fell into the atmosphere and burned on April 14, 1958.

Today, Laika again captures the hearts of people with a monument to her erected 40 years after her spaceflight by the Russians to honor fallen cosmonauts at Star City outside Moscow. The likeness of Laika can be seen peeping out from behind the cosmonauts in the monument.

Laika also is remembered on a plaque at the Moscow research center where she was trained.

FOUR ELEMENTS TO WIN

By Michelle Santana

I believe there are four “Elements” that are pertinent to a “Winning Combination”. One way or another, each element is dependent upon the other. It is your job as a handler to evaluate where your strengths are and where your weaknesses are. Develop a strategy to embrace all the elements. Through Sacrifice, Hard Work, Early Hours, Late Hours, Judges Research, Education, Dedication and Planning, you can embrace these “Elements”. If you do not find yourself a winner, it is often due to one or more deficits in one of these “Elements”. Learn to scrutinize yourself honestly.

Quality of Dog

Now I realize you may be saying, “That’s a no brainer Michelle”, but you would be surprised at how many “newbies” start in dogs, and by no fault of their own, they just aren’t able to evaluate their own dog accurately at arm’s length. It’s simply a lack of experience and knowledge. Ask yourself this question, “What are my dog’s chances, given the best circumstances?” Thus it should become an owner’s mission to learn about their breed standard so eventually you CAN evaluate;

- A.) What the Standard says
- B.) What variations of the Standard are acceptable
- C.) Does your dog fall into these perimeters?

Without a QUALITY dog at the end of your lead, no amount of conditioning, training, or presentation will make you a winning team. This is where you become “jaded” and believe that conformation is all politics. It is not!!

Conditioning of Dog

I rate conditioning second in importance to Quality of dog. I feel you can win some of the time with a poorly trained dog, some of the time because you can’t handle, but less of the time when your dog is fat and sloppy, or skinny and atrophied in muscle. Correct weight, muscling and mental outlook are 100% important, 100% of the time.

Training of Dog

Judges have expectations when they walk in the breed ring. This fact makes it all the more important to dazzle a judge with a “show”. Smoothness, deliberation, Confidence, and Competence levels will be evaluated along with the quality of your dog. You’ll want to give the judge the impression, “I’ve put the TIME and EFFORT in to do my HOMEWORK”. This will set you apart from the other exhibitors, including professional handlers.

Presentation of Package

The consummation of the above elements brings your symphony to fruition. You are the choreographer of your presentation. You are in charge of your destiny in the ring.

Some KEY POINTS to help you stay focused on your presentation.

- Have a Game Plan
- Have Check Lists
- Have someone video tape you (Very important. You can learn more from watching yourself in the ring and the errors you make than you can from conformation classes)

When I say “Have a Game Plan”, I mean: Know what you are going to do, Know where you are going to do it, and Know when you are going to do it in the ring, EVERYTIME you step in the ring.

For example:

- The Check List for Planning Details (see below)
- Where are the dogs lining up once they are in the ring?
- Where do you stack for the exam?

- Who opens the mouth for the exam?
- What pattern is the judge using?
- Where are you going to make your turns?
- Where are you going to stop for the “Free Bait”?

All these things should be planned, in your head, before you enter the ring.

An example of a Check List when stacking would be:

- Head, no drool, lips smooth, hair in order
- Excess cheek and neck skin tucked in if applicable.
- Legs and feet straight, rear square
- Topline not sloping, tail in proper position.
- Ears alert with neck properly arched for your dog's structure.
- Accentuate the picture with a smile/your feet together/give eye contact and verbal contact (yes Ma'am/Sir).
- Act confident – remember you are enjoying yourself.

It is your number one job to make showing FUN for your dog! Your dog should never feel disappointed in losing. You must always remain true to your dog and at least pretend you are always happy with your dog's performance, even when you lose. That is the **ONLY** way you will have a dog that is happy to accompany you in the ring weekend after weekend, show after show. **I cannot stress this point enough.**

~By Michelle Santana, Foxfire Dobermans, breeder/owner/handler of top winning Dobermans for over 35 years. Reprinted with permission.



AMERICAN
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Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: March 11, 2011

Contact: AKC Communications

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB INTRODUCES PREFERRED AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

-- New Title to Take Effect July 1, 2011 --

New York, NY — The [American Kennel Club®](#) (AKC®) is pleased to introduce the new Preferred Agility Champion title (PACH). Created as a way to recognize the superior performance, speed and consistency of AKC's preferred agility competitors, dogs must achieve a minimum of 750 championship points and 20 double qualifying scores from the Excellent B Preferred Standard class and the Excellent B Preferred Jumpers with Weaves class to obtain this prestigious championship.

"The Agility department is thrilled to be able to implement the Preferred Agility Champion title almost two years ahead of the original scheduled start date," said AKC Director of Agility Carrie DeYoung. "The Preferred [Championship](#) is designed to recognize the excellent quality of dogs and handlers that are exhibiting in our Preferred Agility program at the top level."

The PACH title is a prefix title and is retroactive, so any dogs that earned the title prior to [July 1st, 2011](#) will be "grandfathered" in and will automatically have PACH added to their AKC name in the AKC computer system. Exhibitors will not need to request this to happen. Owners who wish to obtain a title certificate for dogs that earned the title prior to [July 1st](#) will need to order one by calling Customer Service at [\(919\) 233-9767](#).

The dogs that earn the title from July 1st onward will automatically be mailed a certificate. The retroactive points will be based on the new point schedule as of July 1st, 2011 that will earn all dogs 1 point per second under the Standard Course Time. There will not be any point multipliers applied at any time for the points earned toward the PACH title.

More about the PACH:

- There are no changes to the PAX title and both the PAX and the PACH will exist. PAX and PACH titles may be earned from the same set of double qualifying scores (although they may not be achieved on the same dates, depending on when the 750 points for the PACH are earned).
- One point is awarded for each full second under the Standard Course Time. (No partial points are awarded.)
- Dogs earn points from the Ex B Preferred Agility Class and/or the Ex B Preferred Jumpers With Weaves Class.
- Qualifying with scores of 100 in both the Ex B Preferred Agility Class and the Ex B Preferred Jumpers With Weaves Class on the same day equals one double qualifying score (2Q).

- The PACH title points and 2Q's progression will be able to be viewed in the AKC online store reports after the title's implementation.

Requirements General Scoring: A dog does not have to obtain the Master Excellent Preferred title (MXP) or the Master Excellent Jumpers With Weaves Preferred title (MJP) prior to achieving scores that will count toward their Preferred Agility Championship title (PACH). A dog need not be in both "B" classes in order to start accruing PACH points. Any score of 100 (clear round) obtained in the Excellent B Preferred classes will count towards both the dog's Preferred Championship requirements, and the dog's MXP/MJP titling requirements.

Titles: The PACH title initials will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the quantity of times the dog has met the requirements of the PACH title as defined above, e.g., 1500 PACH points and 40 2Q's =PACH2.

For more information, visit www.akc.org/events/agility or download a copy of the Regulations for Agility Trials.



Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: March 16, 2011
Contact: AKC Communications
Phone: 212-696-8228
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AKC HUMANE FUND SEEKS CANINE HEROES FOR 12TH ANNUAL AWARDS FOR CANINE EXCELLENCE

New York, NY – Heroes, like dogs, come in all shapes and sizes. Since 2000, thousands of dog lovers have nominated special canines for the AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE). ACE nominees range from [skilled assistance dogs](#) and law enforcement K-9s that keep U.S. citizens safe to [Search & Rescue dogs](#) who have aided in recovery missions. Equally important are the [Therapy dogs](#) who provided much needed comfort in the wake of tragic national events such as the attacks on 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina as well as the companions who aspire to be champion leg warmers at the foot of their owner's bed at night.

“Over the past eleven years, the AKC has had the honor of recognizing some truly outstanding dogs through ACE,” said Ronald Rella, Director of Project Administration. “We encourage anyone that owns or knows of a heroic dog to submit a nomination as a way to pay tribute to the canines that devote their lives to making ours better.”

Each year, five dogs that have performed an exemplary act or series of acts that have significantly benefited a community or individual, whether large or seemingly small, are selected for an ACE. One award is given in the following five categories: **Companion, Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Therapy, and Service**. Honorable Mentions are awarded to outstanding entries in each category.

In addition to the prestige of being chosen from hundreds of entries, each of the five honorees receives a cash award of \$1,000, an engraved sterling silver medallion and an all-expenses-paid trip for dog and owner to Orlando, Fla., to be honored at the eleventh annual *AKC/Eukanuba National Championship* in **December 2011**. The engraved names of the five recipients will also be added to the ACE plaque that is on permanent display in the AKC's Library in New York City. Dogs receiving **honorable mention** will be awarded an engraved bronze medallion. All entrants will receive an ACE **Certificate of Recognition** in acknowledgement of their nomination.

Anyone, including the dog's owner or handler, may submit a nomination. Submissions for the **AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence for 2011** must include:

- A non-returnable, original photograph of the dog. Hi-resolution electronic photos provided on a disc are permissible, but not scans. (electronic requirements: 300dpi and at least 5x7 inches or, 72dpi at least 20x30 inches)
- A 500-word-or-less description of how the dog has demonstrated excellence.
- Dog's call name, registered name if applicable, breed, age and sex.
- Owner/Nominator name(s), address, phone number. E-mail address if available.

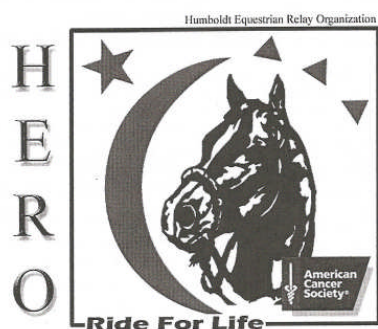
*Please note that to be considered, dogs are not required to be AKC registered but must be an AKC recognized breed.

Nominations will be accepted until **June 1, 2011 and should be sent to:**

Ronald N. Rella: **ACE Awards 2011**
The AKC Humane Fund
260 Madison Avenue, 4th Floor
New York, New York 10016

For more information about the ACE awards or to download a **nomination form** visit <http://www.akchumanefund.org>

A special request from a club member:



Hello,

My horse, Nicky, and I are going to be participating in the local American Cancer Society Humboldt Equestrian Relay Organization (HERO) "Ride for Life" on Saturday May 7th at the racetrack at the Ferndale Fairgrounds. The Ride for Life is a takeoff on the Relay for Life, but instead of people walking, it is people riding their horses. As with Relay for Life, we are taking pledge donations for the American Cancer Society.

This is Nicky's third and my fifth year of doing this (see the photos below from last year's Ride for Life). Nicky thought it was an endurance ride and was pretty hyped up for our two hour walk-convincing her to just walk was an ongoing challenge! This year's Ride is unfortunately going to have a special significance for me; my mom's lung cancer has made her too frail for any more chemo so she has been placed into the hospice program. So this Ride is for her. I hope you are interested in making a donation this year. Last year our team was again number one for greatest amount of donations. Each year the donation total from Ride for Life increases from the previous year-this is such a great cause!

The donations need to be received prior to the May 7th event for them to count towards our team totals. Please make your checks out to the American Cancer Society. You can mail the check to me, Michelle Dostal, 315 Green Road, Kneeland CA 95549. When I receive your donation I will send a receipt for tax purposes. Let me know if you would like to help out. If you know of anyone else who might be interested in donating, feel free to pass this letter on.

If you have any questions or need more information please call (707-442-0726) or email (mjdostal@humboldt1.com) me.

Thanks!

Michelle



MINUTES OF THE LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB

March 15, 2011 Adorni Center, Eureka

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

Present: Sara Borok, Chris Irvin, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Jill Otto, Debbi Sholes, Kris Smith, Deb St Myers, Cathy Wright.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: MSAC to approve as published

Report of the Treasurer: Chris Irvin reported on our assets. She has been dealing with the IRS, and needs to look into the difference between tax exempt and non profit for our tax status.

Unfinished Business:

- Nick is still looking into getting a trailer for our ring equipment.
- Mary Ann Wik will be the new moderator for the Yahoo Group, and the AKC liaison. Jill Otto will be the “owner” of the Group, as a Board member.

New Business:

- New member applicant Wendi F. wants to be active but can't attend the meeting and doesn't have a sponsor – will bring up at regular meeting.
 - Von Hickman, who recently passed away, will be honored in the premium list and the catalog. We will donate to the Aussie club in his name. Daughter wants to donate their dog things; Bev and Chris will follow up.
- The board meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

REGULAR MEETING: called to order by President Jill Otto at 7:02 p.m.

Present: all of the above plus Maya Conrad, Al and Irene Driver, Rose Kessler, Tina Moulton, Dylan Pierce, and George Sachtleben,

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

Report of the President: Dog Expo – Good time, lots of people despite rain, good profit for the raffle benefiting spay/neuter. Members shared experiences there.

Report of the Secretary: Received \$25 donation from Pat Stolte in memory of Von Hickman, plus .misc promotional mail and AKC show info. Kris will not be here in April – Tina will take minutes.

Report of the Treasurer: Chris reported on our assets.

Report of Committees:

- Ring Practice: Paperwork for fairgrounds is set. Next practice March 20, weather permitting. Then April 3, 10, Debbie Sholes will organize.
- Tracking: Next practice March 20 before ring practice. Working on other fields.
- Newsletter: Kudos to Tina Moulton for the last newsletter. Send news and photos.
- Website: nothing new.
- B-OB show: Cathy said that Tina will do PR, has radio contacts, and the catalog; two dedications in catalog, Von Hickman and Akassia Mann. Anybody who wants to submit a catalog ad, contact her early. Thanks to Deb S for getting the trophy sponsor list done. Mary Ann and Jackie possible for hospitality. Caterers to do lunch for about \$250/day. Would like to offer the AKC CA test (coursing) next year, need to find a coursing club to do it. Rally/Obedience is open to mixed breed dogs, will be limited, so get entries in as soon as premiums are online. Vendors – We can't guarantee that any vendor will be the exclusive vendor of any product. **Motion was made to not invite (a particular vendor) back because of their behavior last year. Seconded, discussion, motion withdrawn. Motion was made that “the vendor chair can make the decision about which vendors to invite to our show.” Seconded, discussion, passed with one opposed.**
- Agility Trial: Bev said there was a committee meeting before the board meeting tonight. The “fun run” on Friday will be replaced with a “B” match. She is checking multiple entry options. Will order a few new ribbons, partly because there is a new title. Looking into transportation to bring in judges – possibly driving up from a Bay Area airport. Wants to hold a full event committee meeting to go over the process of having a hearing. Cathy suggested including the show committee as well, to be prepared.

Election of New Members: Three applications approved: Dylan Pierce (sponsored by Chris Irvin), Al and Irene Driver (sponsored by Bev Morgan Lewis), and Wendy Fairweather (sponsored by Rose Kessler). Welcome!

Unfinished Business

- Yahoo Group administrator/AKC liason: Mary Ann Wik will take over from Jeannie Breslin, with Jill as “owner” of the Yahoo Group.
- **Donation to Guide Dogs: Motion to donate \$500 to Guide Dogs for the Blind, earmarked for Humboldt county puppy raisers, made and seconded at the last meeting, was voted on and approved.**
- **Motion which was made and seconded at the last meeting to approve Nick Mendes spending up to \$1,000 on a trailer for our ring equipment was voted on and approved.**
- Deb S asked if we still have the old ring mats in the trailer – as best as anybody could recall, they were disposed of at the last show.

New Business:

- Woofstock: July 30. LCKC will be there.
- Hickmans’ donation explained (see board meeting). Ron Hickman and Akassia Mann will be honored in show catalog.
- K9 Unit Support – they would like to bring back K9 Cards (like baseball cards). Debbi Sholes will get details.
- Tina suggested Eureka Dog Park as a donation. They are now under the umbrella of Sequoia Humane Society (nonprofit). A donation of \$500 to \$1000 gets a plaque. **Motion was made and seconded to donate \$500 to the Eureka Dog Park, to be voted on at the next meeting.**

The Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith,
LCKC Secretary