



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

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NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY,

May 17th

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...

Spring is flying by. All of a sudden, the summer shows are upon us. We will be finalizing details for the breed and obedience/rally shows at the next two meetings. Any help, either before hand or during the show days would be greatly appreciated. We have been holding ring practices at the fairgrounds in Ferndale in preparation for the shows. We even had a few people attend on Mother's day. We plan to have ring practices every Sunday except May 15th until the show weekend, but make sure you watch for emails in case the schedule changes.

Beverly is working hard on the agility trial preparations and can always use help, especially on the trial days.

The date for Woofstock has been changed to Sunday, August 21, 2011. LCKC plans to have a booth. There will be a Mutt Strut, doggie games, and the music this year will be provided by Canned Heat.

Hope to see all of you at the upcoming meeting at the Adorni Center.

Jill



Have You Heard?

From Jill Otto:

Ch Sunspot's Seven of Seven (Savvy) passed her CGC test during the Spinoni National Specialty week. This is a big deal for the princess who holds a VERY low opinion of obedience!

Club Activities

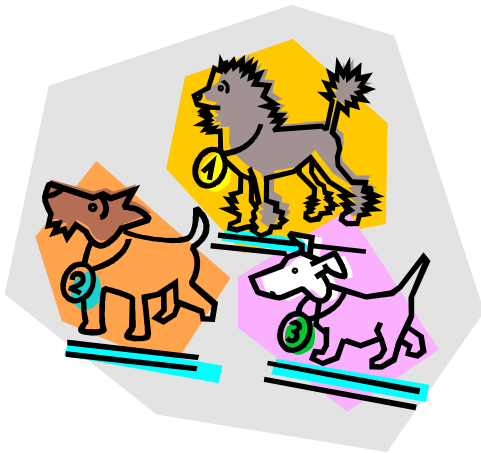
Tracking practice (Debbi Sholes):



Watch the Yahoo list for announcements about tracking dates and times. The club is considering a tracking class – more to come on that!

Ring practice/rally/obedience (Kris Smith):

Watch the Yahoo list for updates. We are hoping to hold practices on Sundays 1-3 at the fairgrounds in Ferndale every weekend up until our show in July. No ring practice on May 15th.



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

Come to our next meeting on 5/17 at the Adorni Center for the latest updates.

Premium list is now available @ InfoDog:
<http://www.infodog.com/prm/2010/prm2010.pdf>

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

Updates at the next club meeting at the Adorni.
We will need lots of help setting up and breaking down.



COMPOSURE IN THE RING

By Michelle Santana, Foxfire Dobermans

“Composure” while in the ring is a major key to success and a key to your dog enjoying itself. How does one maintain composure when they are nervous? It’s hard to do but it’s a must. In nervous mode, you are most likely to forget everything you know about showing your dog! I feel one of the things that can bring a person out of the “I’m nervous, I can’t breath, my knees are knocking together...AGH, my dog isn’t performing like at class!” is:

BE PREPARED with a game plan and a check list...these two things will bring you back to **FOCUS** on your task at hand. Present your dog to the best of your ability and make it an enjoyable experience for your dog. Winning will most likely follow if your dog is worthy.

What does your game plan entail? Unfortunately if you have a 6-9 month old puppy my advice isn’t even possible. However you can **WATCH** the breeds before your breed that your judge is judging, if there are any, and gain knowledge about that particular judge.

In addition, if it is a two day show, and the judge who is judging the 2nd day is doing any breeds the first day, then try and watch his judging of other breeds for a bit. It will give you a ‘feel’ for that judge.

My first advice is **GET THERE EARLY**, so you’re all set up and ready to watch the classes before you. Pick your favorite handler and watch what they are doing in the classes before you. By this I mean **STOP TALKING**, stop the busyness of your thoughts about how nervous you are and all your preoccupied thoughts about the handling job you are about to do. **STOP DOING and WATCH**. Clear your thoughts and make a plan.

Have a clear plan in your head of where the judge has had the classes set up before you, make a mental note of these things before you enter the ring!

- 1.) First line up when you enter the ring. Are you first in line? If so, be a good leader.)
- 2.) Where does the judge want you to stack for the individual exam? You should be prepared and already have your dog stacked, ready for the exam when it is your turn. I see newbie handlers hesitate with this and lose valuable seconds that could have been utilized to perfect their dog’s stack...seconds that do make or break the “picture perfect” first impression.
- 3.) Is the judge requiring the handler to open the mouth or is the judge doing it? Have a couple of experienced people (ringside) do a “mock exam” so your performance on that day, in opening the mouth, is smooth. Be prepared to be “helpful” if the judge is doing the mouth exam, so you don’t fumble, particularly with an inexperienced puppy. Keep your head/body out of the way.
- 4.) What is the judge’s pattern? **WATCH** the classes before you. (Pay particular attention to where you are going to make your turns) Smooth turns = smooth movement = smooth performance.
- 5.) Where are you going to stop for the “free bait” and what are you going to “show-off”? (Straight on – nice head and feet, or great side profile?) Which is the best feature of your dog? Allow yourself enough room to show off your dog. Have a designated spot preplanned. Don’t run up on the judge and then decide where to stop. Don’t interfere with the “space” of the dog that is behind you and currently stacking for their own individual exam.
- 6.) How much room is the judge giving you for the free bait and does he prefer to see the dog free bait “front on” or “side view”? (Some judges have a particular preference and if you don’t do it their way, they get ticked off) = points against your smooth performance.
- 7.) How much time is the judge giving for the free bait? Some judges allow you enough time to ‘get it right’...others say ‘thank you ma’am’ if you didn’t hit “the pose” in the time allowed = points against your smooth performance. Be prepared to hit it right quickly if the judge is the latter.

AKC News (reprinted with permission)

AKC Grand Champion Program Adds Achievement Levels

[Monday, April 25, 2011]

-- Grand Champions Can Now Earn Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Designations --

The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce a new enhancement to the Grand Champion program – Achievement Levels. Beginning May 11th, in conjunction with the implementation of the 2011-2012 [AKC Point Schedule](#), Grand Champions will have the ability to earn the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum designations at AKC all-breed, group and specialty shows.

The Bronze Grand Championship will require 100 points, the Silver Grand Championship will require 200 points, the Gold Grand Championship will require 400 points and the Platinum Grand Championship will require 800 Grand Championship points.

Upon reaching each level, owners will receive a special recognition medallion and certificate, and the AKC website will be updated monthly with the names and breeds of all Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum dogs.

“We are happy to highlight the highest achievers in the Conformation ring with the creation of the Grand Championship Achievement Levels,” said Robin Stansell, AKC Vice President of Event Operations. “Many exhibitors brought their Champions back into the rings to complete the Grand Championship or continued showing when they normally would have stopped after obtaining a Championship title. The Achievement Levels give them an opportunity for continued recognition and achievement.”

The online GCH Breed Lists will be expanded from the top 25 to 100 dogs including Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum level designations. To keep up-to-date with the competition, a new Top 100 All-Breed Grand Champions list will be featured at www.akc.org/grandchampionship/

Grand Championship judging will remain the same: all Champions of Record entered in the Best of Breed/Variety competition will be eligible to compete for Grand Championship points at no additional entry fee, and points will be awarded, at the judge’s discretion, to Best of Breed/Variety, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch. Points are calculated using the same AKC Point Schedule as is used for Championship points. Once a dog completes the Grand Championship title, points will continue to accrue as it reaches the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels; there is no reset. If a dog has already accrued 100 or more Grand Championship points since the beginning of the Grand Championship program, the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum designation will be awarded retroactively. For assistance with determining point totals, view our [Grand Championship Point Counting Document](#)

For more information about the new AKC Grand Champion Achievement Levels, visit www.akc.org/grandchampionship or contact eventplans@akc.org.



Minutes of the Lost Coast Kennel Club-submitted by Debbi Sholes
April 19, 2011

BOARD MEETING: called to order by President Jill Otto at 7:00 pm
Present: Sara Borok, Michelle Dostal, Beverly-Morgan Lewis, Jill Otto, Kris Smith.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: MSAC to approve as published
Report of Treasurer: \$32 K +

Unfinished Business:

- Obedience Equipment pick up for Hickman donation will be worked on by Rose Kessler, Bev Morgan-Lewis and Chris Irvin.
 - Trailer for club has been priced and Nick Mendes will be buying soon.
 - Questions about logistics of name plates
 - Support for CDC?
 - Renew for Canine Health Foundation
- Board meeting concluded at 6:50 PM

REGULAR MEETING:

Present : all of the above plus: Rose Kessler, Cathy Wright, Al Driver, Cheryl Davis, Wendi Fairweather, Josephine Morissey, George Sachtleben, Mary Ann Wik, Maya Conrad and Debbi Sholes

Minutes of Last Meeting: MSAC except one correct where in discussion of "Von Hickmen" it had been written as "Ron Hickman". Change so noted and so corrected.

Report of President: A thank you to those who have been helping with Ring Practices including Rose Kessler and Debbi Sholes.

Report of Secretary: Secretary absent no report at this time. Notes taken by D. Sholes

Report of Treasurer: Reports of funds and assests. Mail: Canine Health Foundation Renewal.

Report of Committees:

- Ring Practice: Will re-start in May.
- Tracking_Debbi Sholes put forth idea of club offering classes in tracking. These would be organized in 8 week units working towards the goal of earning a tracking title. Debbi reported with the recent availability of locations to track in that the potential for classes has improved. Discussion was held. Debbi will check on insurance issues and forms for potential attendees.
- Newsletter-Kudos to Tina for a great Job!
- July Dog Show-Someone to write to fairground about concerns for repairs prior to show? Carnival fields, and RV parking area need some addressing. Boy Scouts will be doing parking and have a food booth. Working on AKC event committee for event issue training. MSP to purchase new regulation 4" wide wooden bar jump. Chris Irvin will take care of. Rose, Bev and Chris will look into Von Hickman equipment pick-up. *Raffle Items for show still needed. Contact Irene but bring items to Chris Irvin in Eureka. Replace Hospitality Banner to say : "Judges and Stewards Hospitality".
- Agility Trial: More ribbons ordered and came but may need to order more. No fun match but committee will meet about B-Match. New (longer than 10') tunnel needed.
- Election of New Member- Cheryl Davis -Welcome! Has been a member of Eureka Kennel Club but we are happy she is back. She has border collies and does agility.

- Unfinished Business: Donate to Dog Park in Eureka. MSP to donate enough for a plaque. Treasurer will send check to Tina Moulton.
 - New Business: Join CDOC? Cost is \$50.00 this is to provide a lobbyist in CA senate
 - To support dog issues. MSP Canine Health Foundation Renewal? \$200.00 per year MSP.
 - Possibility of purchasing lure coursing equipment? Basic size for a course 660' runs \$769.00 idea tabled for further discussion at a later date.
- Meeting adjourned 8:19 PM

***See following pages for raffle donations**



Lost Coast Kennel Club
PO Box 6808
Eureka, CA 95502

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Dear Local Business Owner,

The Lost Coast Kennel Club is holding AKC sanctioned Dog Shows, Obedience, Rally and Agility Trials in July, 2011, at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds in Ferndale, CA. Last year's shows were a huge success, and we are looking forward to an even larger entry this year. These events bring much needed revenue into our community.

We are asking for raffle donations from local businesses to raise money to offset the cost of the events. Your donation of any size item, gift certificate, or money would be greatly appreciated. Your business name will be displayed at the show and in an ad after the show in the local newspaper. We will provide you with a Thank You letter for your donation that you can use for business purposes. We can arrange for someone from the club to pick up your donation.

Thank you for helping the Lost Coast Kennel Club bring another free, fun, interesting, and educational event to our community.

The Lost Coast Kennel Club is a Nonprofit Organization serving dog fanciers of coastal Northern California: **Tax ID # 23-7082254**.

If you have any questions, please call Irene Hetrick @ (707)574-6505 or email ihetrick@live.com

Sincerely,

Lost Coast Kennel Club
Raffle Committee



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PO Box 6808

Eureka, CA 95502

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_____, 2011

Dear _____,

This is your receipt for donating _____ valued
at \$_____ to the Lost Coast Kennel Club's raffle in July, 2011 at our annual Dog
Show, Obedience, Rally and Agility Trials in Ferndale, CA.

Thank you again for your generous donation and for helping the Lost Coast Kennel Club bring
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