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NEXT MEETING:

**TUESDAY,
MAY 16**

at the

ADORNI CENTER

1011 Waterfront Drive
Eureka

Board Mtg. – 6:30 p.m.
General Mtg. – 7:00 p.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

President's Corner...

Greetings LCKC Members!

Maybe spring is here? We've been having such great weather lately, but I'm afraid to get my hopes up.... At least at this year's spring Farm Store Pet Fair we had decent weather. You may remember last year was cold and rainy, especially for the parade of breeds. A big THANK YOU to Irene for putting together the booth this year and manning it the whole time. A few of us club members were able to stop by and help her out, but she did all the work. We need to work on our club participation though for these types of events.

The Breed/Obedience Shows and Agility Trials preparations are coming along. There have been some setbacks and glitches, but I think we are getting them worked out. Remember, we need all the volunteer help we can get! Time is also getting short for gathering up items for the raffles at both events. Contact Irene for a copy of the letter to use for submission to local merchants (ihetrick@earthlink.net). For those of you who are unable to help out during the show days, this is a great way to make a contribution to the club.

Remember to regularly check the club's website at www.lostcoastkennelclub.org for new items. Webmaster Jim keeps adding links. If you have any good ideas or links for the site, let me know. I received my first email inquiry from someone who found us through the website! It is a great tool for communicating what our club is all about.

Welcome to new club member Danielle Reed. Danielle, feel free to jump in and volunteer for any and all activities. We look forward to seeing you at the monthly meetings. Current club members keep up the good work and recruit when ever you get a chance!

Hope to see everyone at the May meeting.

Michelle

Upcoming Events...

May 14 - LCKC HANDLING WORKSHOP - The club is sponsoring a conformation handling workshop at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds in Ferndale on Sunday, May 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Instructor will be Kathy Pavlich. Kathy has many years of experience showing dogs, is a member of the Professional Ring Stewards Association of Northern California, and is currently working towards becoming a licensed AKC judge. She will cover the necessary basics to help you to competently and confidently present your dog in the show ring. Although focused on the beginning to intermediate handler, experienced handlers as well will find the day informative and fun. This is a great opportunity to bring your dog to get some experience or brush up before our conformation shows July 1 and 2. Limited to 20 participants. Open to LCKC members and nonmembers on a first-come basis. Cost is \$50 per person/dog. Pre-registration required. To sign up for the class or request additional information, contact Irene Hetrick at 707-574-6505 (ihetrick@earthlink.net).

May 17 - BREEDERS' SYMPOSIUM - San Francisco (Crowne Plaza Hotel at SFO) - Presented by the AKC/AKC Canine Health Foundation and sponsored by the Tibetan Terrier Club of America - Featured topics: ABC's of Dog Breeding, Canine Nutrition, Endocrine Disorders in the Dog, Canine Dental Health - Cost is \$95 - For information, contact Ronald Rella (AKC) at 212-696-8303 or mr@akc.org; Erika Werne (AKC CHF) at 888-682-9696 or eaw@akc.org

May 27 - BARF (Bones & Raw Food) WORKSHOP- Fortuna - Presented by Golden Girls Health - Basics of BARF feeding. Also scheduled May 31. Cost is \$40 - Contact Jack Sivak at 725-5628 jack@goldengirlshealth.com

August 19 – “THE DOG WHISPERER” – CESAR MILLAN – Pleasanton, CA – Sponsored by the Standard Schnauzer Club of Northern California – A long way off from now but expected to be a sellout event. For information or registration packets: <http://www.stdschnauzer.com>



On Home Screen....

Crufts - With 24,640 entries comprised of 18,000 individual dogs of 178 different breeds, England's Crufts, is the largest dog show in the world. Conformation judging takes place over a span of four days. In addition to conformation, there is just about everything Dog, from agility and obedience to field trials and lure coursing. This year's BIS winner was from California - Australian Shepherd, CH Caitland Isle Take a Chance.

Highlights of the show, including agility and U. S. Agility Team member Ann Braue, who placed 5th Overall with her Border Collie, "Spree," will be presented on Animal Planet on **Monday, May 8, at 8:00 p.m.**, with repeat broadcasts **May 12, at 8:00 p.m.**, and **May 13, at noon.**

WAGS & BRAGS

No Wags or Brags or photos were submitted for this month's newsletter (although I know that a big one will be coming from Jill Otto and Mary Myers for the next issue!) Therefore, I'm bragging.... Ed.



The photo to the left is not of a haystack in a life preserver but of CH TORDOR'S KIRIVO KIROHANAS, CDX, MX, AXJ, MJP, PT, RE, CGC, AD, OAC, OJC, NGC, JHD, TT, VPX, going through the tire jump. "Kiro" recently completed his Rally-Excellent title with a 2nd Place and also became the first to attain the Puli Club of America designation of Versatile Puli -Excellent (VPX). Achievement of the PCA VPX award requires 20 points earned from at least 4 of 5 designated categories, of which 2 of those categories must be Conformation and Herding. Kiro has also consistently been a Top 10 Agility Puli. He lives in Danville with his proud owners, Cathy Pronzini and Jim Moen. His very proud breeder, however, is your humble editor.

Send me photos of your dogs !!!!

It's Just a Dog

by Richard Biby, Contributing Editor
Broken Arrow City, Oklahoma

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a dog" I rise early, take long walks, and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment." Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile, because they "just don't understand."

(Thanks to Von Hickman for submitting the above...Ed.)



TRAVELING WITH YOUR DOG?

Check with your airline regarding its requirements/fees. Fees differ among each airline and also vary upon whether your dog is accompanying you in the cabin (lucky dog!) or is flying below as excess baggage or cargo. United occasionally offers discounts when traveling to an AKC show. It never hurts to inquire about discounts available for dog or passenger. Be aware that there may be travel restrictions for dogs due to weather concerns, preventing your dog from boarding the plane.

If flying out of state, a health certificate issued by your veterinarian within the last 10 days is required by the Federal Dept. of Agriculture. If flying within California only, it is technically not needed. However, some airlines' policy is to still require it, so check, recheck, and re-recheck airline requirements well in advance, and save names of whom you speak to. A certificate for the trip home to the original departure point is technically unneeded, but some airlines personnel don't know that and will demand you produce one before they will check in your dog. It's easier to show your certificate than to delay the check-in process and risk missing a flight. Be sure the certificate is on your person and not in your baggage.

Whether your dog will need an additional rabies vaccination prior to the trip will depend upon your point of destination. Unlike California's regulation of a rabies vaccination every 3 years, some states still require vaccination every year or every two years. If traveling by car, you are technically required to have complied with the rabies regulation of any state that you enter, but I've never heard of anyone having a problem in that regard when driving.

Vibration during flight or a long road trip can loosen even the tightest screws. Unless using one of the newer "deluxe" Vari-Kennel type crates with the rotating lock system, be sure all bolts on your dog's crate are tight. I witnessed a Staffordshire Bull Terrier be brought into the terminal, explode out of his crate, and bolt into the crowd. Luckily, his handler, who was picking him up for a dog show, arrived just in time to call the dog. The dog responded and came before getting far, although there were some people panicked by the "mad pit bull" running loose. Turned out his crate had lost several bolts. Carry a small pliers for bolt-tightening purposes, as well as extra nuts/bolts. Insert the bolt from the underside so its nut is visible on top. That way it is obvious if a nut is missing. A good back-up is nylon cable ties. They can also be used to secure the crate door to prevent anyone from opening it to "see the cute doggy," yet can easily be cut in case of emergency.

If your dog can be relied upon to not chew it, a plastic soda bottle filled with frozen water will help keep him cool and provide some thirst-quenching moisture as condensation forms on the bottle's exterior. And speaking of water, use only bottled when traveling. Dogs that could probably devour roadkill with no problem still can have a tendency towards intestinal upset from strange water.

Absorbent bedding should be in the crate just as a precaution against the unexpected. Even the best trained dog may have an accident if problems add unexpected hours to a trip. Turbulence, or landing delays forcing a plane to circle, can cause air sickness. I learned this firsthand when arriving in NYC for Westminster. An unpredicted snowstorm struck en route, and we were left circling while awaiting snow removal equipment to clear the landing area. By the time we landed, everyone was dizzy and queasy. And speaking of flying to the NY area, many dog people advise avoiding JFK. LaGuardia is smaller and friendlier. Newark is also a good alternative. Westchester County is also doable.

Unless your dog is in the cabin with you, book a nonstop if at all possible. Consider different routes. If you can book a nonstop, it is well worth having to drive two or three hours rather than arriving closer to your destination but having to change planes to do so. Next best is a stop but no change of planes, although this still does not provide any guarantee. While at Oakland Airport, I met a distraught man who was there to pick up a King Charles bitch in heat for breeding. The plane had landed and then departed, but no little dog was brought to him. Turned out the flight continued to Alaska with a sled team headed for the Iditarod. The spaniel in its little #100 kennel was accompanying the huskies to the frozen north and, due to flight schedules, would not be flown back to OAK until the next day. An unhappy scenario. Last resort in dire emergency is a route plane changes.

Attach something easily identifiable to the crate, such as a big bow or scarf. Even better, a brightly colored luggage strap around the crate not only provides easy visual identification but serves as an extra reinforcement for the crate. Wait to observe the crate being loaded/unloaded. If you don't see it, politely demand confirmation of your dog's whereabouts. If you observe any potential problem, make a scene if necessary. My first experience with flying dogs could have ended in disaster. We arrived in DC, where an unexpected heat wave had hit. As we landed, the captain announced it was 113° on the tarmac. I watched from the terminal window in horror as the dogs were loaded onto a baggage cart and left there while baggage was piled on top, around, and in front of them. I began panicking. Luckily, my husband went into action, immediately demanded a supervisor, who in turn immediately personally managed the situation. Within two minutes, the dogs were brought into the air-conditioned terminal and were fine. A happy ending. But what if I hadn't been watching.

The general rule for live animal shipments is last on/first off the plane. Your dog should be unloaded and brought to you before a fellow passenger receives his skis or bicycle or surfboard. Demand that service. You are paying for it.

Bon Voyage!

Barbara...✍

LCKC Meeting Minutes - April 18, 2006

BOARD MEETING

Attendees: Michelle Dostal, Debbie Enns, Debbie Hopkins, Nick Mendes, Pat Mendes, Alice Symons.

Minutes Of Last Meeting: **Motion** to accept. **MSAC**

Treasurer's Report: Report of finances given. We currently have a net income, even with some show expenses paid.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourn.

REGULAR MEETING

Attendees: Michelle Dostal, Debbie Enns, Irene Hetrick, Debbie Hopkins, Rose Kessler, Nick Mendes, Pat Mendes, Beverly M-Lewis, Danielle Reed, Alice Symons, Cathy Wright.

Minutes of Last Meeting: **Motion** to accept to minutes as written. **MSAC**

President's Report: AKC annual report received

Secretary's Report: Nothing

Treasurer's Report: Income/expenses gone over. More trophy donations expected. Some judge airfares and show expenses have already been paid.

New Member Applications: Danielle Reed, applicant from last month, present at the meeting. **Motion** to accept Danielle Reed as member, **MSAC**.

Ring Practice Committee: Hoping for better weather.

Show Committee Report:

- Obedience toys can be bought for Rally and Obedience prizes at about \$1/toy.
- Fortuna Florist will do flowers. Irene needs pic from last show to give them idea - 1 big one and one medium one
- Irene will round up 6 people for parking.
- Raffle - Anything accepted (stuff you would like to win at a raffle-not white elephants).
- Hospitality - Rooming list to be submitted. Only four judges have responded so far.
Rose is going to help transport judges from airport to Fortuna.
Alice will look at hospitality bins that go to tables and do ringside coolers.
- Ring stewards - Need about 6 until we know our entry. Cathy wants to give ring stewards little gifts. Michelle says that if conformation stewards get it, then so do obedience stewards. Debbie will make up enough LCKC mugs with candy, etc., to give out.
- Michelle emailed Florence to tell her we want a mock bench trial.
- Vendors - Alice sent out contracts.
- Need ring layout and show ground layout posted, per AKC.
- Alice will do exhibitor and judge and steward poster information boards. Let Alice know if you think something should go on the boards.
- Doggie walk and shop - Patty working on pamphlet.
- GROUNDS issue - The conformation rings area is a mucky mess. Agility can't be done on the field right now. Cad wants a contract to be made regarding what we need and require. Michelle willing to draft a letter (pronto) but needs lots of input. We need to present this to the Fairgrounds board and that if the conditions cannot be met, we will need to find another venue for safety/liability reasons.

Agility Trial: Committee met, premium has been approved. Equipment pretty much taken care. Workers can get raffle tickets or couple bucks off next year's trial. Will have smaller raffle. Next meeting May 15. Alice will order ribbon restocking. Grounds is a big concern.

Unfinished Business

Fund Raising: Irene will do 50/50 raffle at Farm Store Pet Fair.

Webpage Updates: If anyone has anything let Jim know.. Infodog link.

Handling Seminar: Set for May 14. Will ask Barb S. to make ad for Tri City.

Updated Membership List: Has been done.

New Business

Farm Store Pet/Rescue Fair: Lots of non profits will be there. April 29.

Adjourned: **MSAC**

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Symons, Secretary