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NEXT MEETING:

**SUNDAY,
APRIL 20th**

at

**The Mendes Home
in
PETROLIA**

**See travel directions at our
Yahoo Group**

**Join us.
Everyone is Welcome!**

President's Corner..

I would like to extend a warm welcome to new LCKC member Tina Molten from Eureka who has 3 Italian Greyhounds.

LCKC is planning a "work party" to sort out breed show versus agility equipment in the club trailer. The agility equipment will be moved to our new trailer. We will meet at the Mendes home in Petrolia at noon on Sunday, April 20th. We will hold our April meeting as part of this get-together. A BBQ will be included with club members providing potluck items. More info and directions to follow.

Important: We will NOT meet in Ferndale on the 15th.

The club will have a booth at the upcoming Farm Store Spring Event on April 26th. If anyone would like to help man the booth, please contact Jill Otto or Rose Kessler.

See you in Petrolia on the 20th.

Jill Otto

On Canine Health...

Canine Eyesight



Contrary to popular belief, dogs are not completely colorblind. They do have some cones in their retinas, though not enough to distinguish the full spectrum of colors.

Dogs seem to have better peripheral vision than people, but their close-up vision appears to not be as sharp as that of a human. The placement of the eyes on the dog's head allows better wide-angle vision but hinders depth perception and close-up viewing. Thus, a dog can may catch a Frisbee gliding sideways but have trouble catching a ball thrown straight at his nose.

Dogs have a third eyelid, a light pink membrane located under the lower lid. It may be seen at the inside corner of the eye, and it may slowly come up to cover the eye as the dog falls asleep.

Common symptoms of eye problems: watery eyes, discharge, cloudiness, frequent blinking, pawing at the eyes, or a visible irritation on the eye or skin surrounding the eye.

You can find excellent photographs of the canine eye and all of its individual structures at:

www.allanimaleyeclinic.com/flexistar/aaec.nsf/pages/4CF801D162D1665E85256A38004EA6A0?OpenDocument



IT'S SKUNK SEASON

Hopefully, your dog will never get sprayed. However, you might want to keep a bottle of Skunk Off on hand. Available at most veterinarians and many pet stores, it is very effective and not too harsh.

In the event your dog does get sprayed and you do not have Skunk Off on hand, you can try a homemade mix. Apply, leave in for a few minutes, then rinse well:

1 Qt 3% hydrogen peroxide
¼ cup baking soda
1 tsp. liquid soap

Did you know...

- The striped skunk's scientific name comes from a Latin word meaning "poisonous vapor."
- Striped skunks do not use their spray on each other, even in the fiercest fight.
- The only predator that appears to be immune to the effects of a skunk's spray is the great horned owl, which hunts the striped skunk at night.
- Skunks are resistant to snake venom. They can survive ten times the amount of venom needed to kill another animal of similar size.



ON THE HOME SCREEN...

Animal Planet's **Breed All About** will be profiling the following breeds:

- 🍖 Saturday, April 12 – **Bullmastiff**
- 🍖 Sunday, April 13 - **Spinone Italiano**
- 🍖 Saturday, April 19 – **Irish Wolfhound**
- 🍖 Sunday, April 20 – **Weimaraner**
- 🍖 Saturday, April 26 - **West Highland White Terrier**
- 🍖 Sunday, April 27 - **Poodle**
- 🍖 Saturday, May 03 - **Pomeranian**
- 🍖 Sunday, May 10 - **Coonhound**

All “Breed All About It” broadcasts will be at **9:30 a.m.** Pacific time.

Dog shows to be broadcast on Animal Planet:

- 🍖 Thursday, April 10, 8:00 pm - **Portland 2008**
- 🍖 Saturday, April 12, 6:00 am - **Crufts 2005**
- 🍖 Sunday, April 13, 3:00 pm - **Portland 2008** repeat
- 🍖 Saturday, April 19, 8:00 am - **Crufts 2006**
- 🍖 Saturday, April 26, 8:00 am - **Crufts 2007**

Animal Planet is also debuting a **new series** about a dog-showing family, “**Showdogs Moms & Dads.**” Each episode will be aired Saturday nights at 10:00 pm and repeated that night (morning, actually,) at 1:00 am and then again at 5:00 am on Sundays. Given its viewing hours, I wonder how many people will actually tune in. If you’re a dog show person, you will probably be sleeping for the 10:00 pm and 1:00 am showings and either sleeping or getting ready to hit the road when the 5:00 am showing comes on. If you’re an insomniac, however, you might want to catch the new show. The first three episodes will be April 12/13, April 19/20, April 26/27.

In a suburb of medium density, a dog’s bark can be heard in 200 surrounding houses, or by 800 people!

Ask not for whom the dog barks...

It barks for thee.



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AKC RULE CHANGE ALLOWS OWNERS TO RENAME THEIR DOGS

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club® (AKC) is pleased to announce a registration rule change that now allows owners of AKC registered dogs to change the official name of their pet. Dogs are eligible if they were born in the U.S., have never been bred, or have not won any awards at an AKC event.

“We have a lot of interest from AKC registered dog owners looking to rename their dogs,” said David Roberts, AKC’s Assistant Vice President of Registration. “In most cases, the dog is a beloved pet and the owner would like to pick a name that has special value to them. The new rule allows owners to change the name when transferring their AKC registered dog, or to request a name change at any time.”

Previously, a policy was in place that only allowed the owner to change a dog’s name if the dog had been individually registered by its breeder and the request was accompanied by written permission from the breeder. The new regulation reads:

“The name of a dog registered with The American Kennel Club will be allowed to be changed provided the dog was whelped in the United States and in cases where the breeder(s) first individually registered the dog, their written consent would be required. A dog name containing a Registered Kennel Name cannot be changed without the written consent of the owner(s) of that Registered Kennel Name.

However, no change in the name will be recorded by The American Kennel Club after the dog has produced or sired an AKC registered litter or received an award at an AKC licensed or member event.

Any name change must comply with all AKC requirements.”

The service fee for a name change is \$25. The Dog Name Change Authorization form is located online at <http://www.akc.org/pdfs/ADCG01.pdf>. The completed form can be faxed to the AKC at: 919-816-4261 or mailed to the address on the application.

LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2008

Board Meeting: Called to order at 6:35 PM

In Attendance: **Jill Otto, Patty Mendes, Nick Mendes, Chris Irvin, Michelle Dostal, Deb St Myers, Irene Hetrick, Beverly Morgan Lewis**

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved **MSAC**

Report of Treasurer: Report given by **Chris Irvin**

Unfinished Business:

- ✍ **CGC certificates from '07 shows –Irene Hetrick** was sent an email explaining the problem. She will follow up on this.
- ✍ **Sportsman Insurance Issue –** The club does NOT have to pay any additional premiums for adding an event sponsor to a proof of insurance. We are to fill out only the top portion of the pink paper, send it to Sportsman, and they will issue a certificate with the event sponsor's name on it.

New Business:

- ✍ **Membership – Michelle Dostal** passed around a draft of the '08 membership list for proofing.
- ✍ **Newsletter – Irene Hetrick** to poll members on whether they would like the newsletter electronically or postal. The club can save a lot of money if electronically is chosen. This will be done when the membership list is final and sent out.
- ✍ **Youth leaders – Irene Hetrick** asked if there is anyway the leaders of youth groups, like 4H, could be given a free membership. **Jill Otto** read in the By Laws that the club can vote, on an individual basis, on whether to bestow "Honorary" membership or not. It was voted on and approved **MSAC** to offered Carolyn Neal an Honorary membership in the LCKC for as long as she remains a 4H leader. **Irene Hetrick** to contact her.

Adjournment: 7:08 PM

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:09 PM

Roll Call: **Jill Otto, Patty Mendes, Nick Mendes, Chris Irvin, Michelle Dostal, Deb St Myers, Irene Hetrick, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Barb Stelz, Rose Kessler, Kris Smith, Baird Smith, George Sachtleben, and Jim Wasetis.**

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved **MSAC**

Report of President: **Jill Otto** gave a very short report as there was not much news.

Report of Secretary: **Irene Hetrick** reported that the club received mail from AKC with a draft of a statement for spectators at events to sign that we could then mail to our legislators; AKC also sent us a donation request for AKC's PAC; Timber Heritage sent a donation request; and Mensona KC sent an announcement for their May 3rd Agility Trial, Fun Match, CGC test, and microchip clinic.

Report of Treasurer: Report given by **Chris Irvin**

Report of Committees:

- ✍ **Ring practice:** **Rose Kessler** will notify the membership when and where the next ring practice will be held.
- ✍ **Newsletter: individual email:** **Irene Hetrick** to poll members on whether they would like the newsletter electronically or postal. The club can save a lot of money if electronically is chosen. This will be done when the membership list is final and sent out. **Barb Stelz requests members to send her candid pictures of their dogs for the newsletter along with any articles you would like to share!**
- ✍ **Website:** **Jim Wasetis** reports that he has been making small changes to the website and updating information on it.
- ✍ **2008 Conformation/Obedience Show:** **Chris Irvin** requests that anyone going to shows to please get business cards from vendors for her. Also, if anyone knows of any local vendors that would like to set up a booth, please let her know. **Michelle Dostal** needs volunteers for the obedience trial. **Chris Irvin** needs volunteers for the Rally trials. **Irene Hetrick** needs raffle donations or people that are willing to help get some by asking local businesses. The EMT, Attila Gyenis, has confirmed that he will be there.

- ✍ 2008 Agility Trial: **Beverly Morgan Lewis** needs someone to take on the morning hospitality duties. It entails putting out coffee and tea water along with some light breakfast fare like fruit and muffins. **Deb St Myers** has volunteered to oversee the Workers raffle. **Rose Kessler** confirmed that she will be the driver for the judges. Motion made and approved **MSAC** to buy 3 metal jumps from the Kennedy's for \$65 each. The vote will be tabled until the next meeting. A check was made out to Sharon Kennedy for \$850 for a Dog Walk and an A Frame. **Irene Hetrick** to mail it to her.

New Member Applications: **Christine (Tina) Moulton** of Eureka (Italian Greyhounds) was voted in as a new member. **MSAC. Welcome Tina!**

Unfinished Business:

- ✍ Farm Store Spring Event – April 26, Saturday. **Jill Otto, Rose Kessler, and Beverly Morgan Lewis** will be there. If anyone else can attend to relieve them for a little bit, please show up. It was discussed that information on the new listing program for unregistered dogs, PAL, should be there.
- ✍ Trailer reorganization/BBQ – Date will be April 20th, Sunday. The directions will be posted on the Yahoo Group site. Please RSVP so the **Mendes** will know how much to BBQ. Plan to be there by noon. It's about an hour from Ferndale. We will be moving the agility equipment to the agility trailer in Fortuna.

New Business:

- ✍ Charitable Help discussion – If you have a dog-related charity you would like to see LCKC donate to, please write up a small article about it, and bring it to a meeting or give it to a board member. Some of the places to help discussed were, K9 dogs of law enforcement, Best Friends for Life, dogs that must be given up for hardship cases, dogs whose owners cannot afford the vet bills, having a fund for veterinary clinics that have a dollar cap per dog for hardship cases.

Adjournment: 8:35 PM



Pictured airborne with flying ears and very happy face is Sienna St. Myers.

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