



The Lost Coast *H O W L E R*

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NEXT MEETING:

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 15**

at

MRS. MENDES' HOME

405 Craig Street
Ferndale

Board Mtg. - 6:30 p.m.

Regular Mtg. - 7:00

Directions:

From Main Street Ferndale,
turn Left onto Brown Street.
Brown dead ends on Craig.
Park here.

All welcome!!!

President's Corner...

Jack Sivak, the speaker for the September meeting, has been rescheduled for the November meeting. If you thought you missed his presentation on raw diets, you will have another chance.

LCKC was represented at Woofstock again this year. We had lots of visitors at the booth in the morning, but the afternoon rain drove all but the very serious dog lovers away. The AKC Breed Chart that was added to our display this year was a big hit. Many people studied the chart trying to figure out the background of their canine friends. A big thanks to Rose Kessler, Chris Irvin, Jim and Abby Wasetis, and Deb St. Myers and her husband for helping at the booth.

Nominations for officers and board members is an item on the upcoming October meeting agenda. Anyone interested in a position needs to contact me ASAP. Nominations close at the end of the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting in Ferndale .

Jill Otto

TYPE IN a command and see what happens... sit, roll over, down, beg, sing, dance, shake, fetch, play dead, jump, sneeze, etc.,. and...it's also very cute if you type in a command that's not recognized...!!

Make sure you type in 'Kiss' too, but do it last.

Click here: I Do Dog Tricks

http://www.idodogtricks.com/index_flash.html

A DOG'S PERCEPTION OF OBEDIENCE...

Muggles (a Spinone) asked Argy, another Spinone, "What is obedience?" Argy's answer was as follows.

Dear Muggles,

It's a dumb invention.

They set up these little white gates - sort of a fenced in human yard -INSIDE the building. Then they hire a judgely person with a clipboard to keep an eye on the human and to give them "orders". You, the dog, are supposed to follow along devotedly and give moral support while all this is going on.

It's dumb. They start...they stop. They think you should "sit", and soon as you do, off they go again. They run five steps - hardly enough to really get ya going...and then they creep along five steps. All the while, stopping and starting, stopping and starting. It's enough to drive you to distraction! I mean - Are we GOING? or are we STOPPING? Duh.

I figure, since Mom paid the \$25 to have the judge person keep an eye on her and tell her what to do.....no reason for me to hang around and get involved. I mean....Mom can't leave that little fenced in yard - the judge person won't let her.

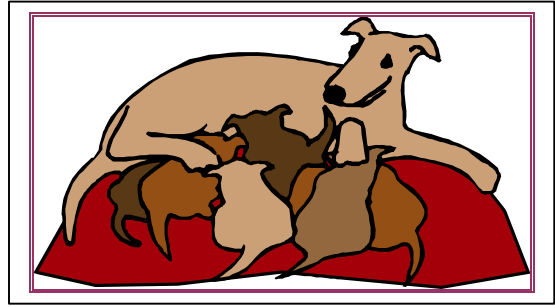
So I just do my own thing, until they say "exercise finished" and then we can go. Sometimes, I can make the crowd laugh - or gasp. That's my job.....Mom can do that other stuff.

Love,

Argy

Spinone Italiano CH McPherson's Classic Patterns [Argylle] who owns Deb Davenport of South Dakota

(Thanks to Jill Otto for submitting the above Spinone take on obedience competition...Ed.)



The following is for everyone out there who has ever whelped a litter...

Canine pregnancy lasts nine weeks and then you have approximately eight weeks of rearing to do. I have identified and defined the several stages we go through in this process:

Week One:

Was he the right one?

Typified by agonizing over whether you chose the right stud

Week Two:

Was she fertile?

Indicated by mildly threatening thoughts directed at your bitch and concern about wasted \$\$\$

Week Three:

Oh lord, we missed her...stupid sterile stud dog.

Week Four:

Vet appointments fix everything. You schedule a vet visit for a sonogram and wake up the morning of the planned test to discover she looks like she ate a watermelon!

Week Five:

Not enough food in the world to feed this bitch...

Week Six:

Oh lord she's lost some babies...when really she has just moved them around a bit and now she is hanging down more than spread out like a watermelon.

Week Seven:

Dreams of glory featuring puppies with the best parts of both parents.

Week Eight:

Nightmares of disaster featuring puppies that look like the neighbor's dog.

Week Nine:

Maximum guilt...how could you do this to this sweet little girl, she can't eat or sleep and neither can you.

Stage One labor:

Now, is it now? No she is just rehearsing AND she has picked out one fake place for puppies, one real place and just rolls her eyes at the lovely new whelping facility you built for her.

Stage Two:

Well the fake place (the closet) has been passed up for the bushes in the front yard and you cannot convince her that her humongous butt is clearly visible to all passersby...her head is hidden, she thinks she is in a den and to h*** with you, you have no idea what you are doing. Your job is to get her into the whelping box without stressing this delicate little dogmom-to-be or calling in the crane or forklift.

Actual Delivery of Babies:

At this point Time is not on your side...it races, then crawls, races then crawls.

Do you call the vet, do you wait?

You have lighter moments...the bitch trying to crawl into the laundry basket with the babies.

Puppies Day One:

Hubby comes in to view the litter, points at one, and says "Wow is he cute". He is half the size of the other babies.

Puppies Week One:

Looking for heads in all the wrong places...now you KNOW better than to look for heads when they have smushed up muzzles from nursing.

Puppies Weeks Two and Three:

You do their stress activities, monitor weights, and every day hubby comes in to check on his boy...yes he is cute... fast, too. Easy to be fast when you are long as a freight train with long legs to match.

You've picked out the best rears and tails from watching them nurse. During week three you discuss devotion to motherhood with your bitch when she announces the darn things have sharp teeth.

Weeks Four and Five:

They really are cute and you are caught continually in puppy trance. Good thing they are cute, because they are now on solid food, and you are fast running out of clean paper.

Hubby plays with his boy child and begs you to stack him up and tell him what you think...you develop really good diversionary strategies.

Week Six:

You are starting serious evaluation and start taking pictures...you notice while doing the photographs that hubby's pick is now the same size as his littermates.

The litter looks really good...aren't you glad you got that generic sperm and they all look like your bitch, who is perfect in every way.

Week Seven:

While analyzing the photos, you keep coming back to one striking male who is very balanced and very well proportioned...this cannot be happening, so it is time for...

Week Eight:

The puppy party where all your friends and some of your enemies come over to pick your little darlings apart in great detail and make rude remarks about the faults that nasty stud produced. Their decision is unanimous...pick of the litter is a strong handsome boy who trots wonderfully, comes when called and thinks your hubby hung the moon!!

AUTHOR UNKNOWN (Thanks to Irene for sending this to us. Ed.)



HAVE A HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2007

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Board Meeting: Called to order at 6:40 PM. In attendance: **Jill Otto, Michelle Dostal, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Chris Irvin, Deb St Myers, Irene Hetrick.**

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved. **MSAC**

Report of Treasurer: **Patty Mendes** absent. No report.

Unfinished Business: Trailer for agility was discussed. **Chris Irvin and Irene Hetrick** researched trailer in Medford, OR. Price for a new 16', tandem axle, ramp, and side door models ran from \$5100 to \$5200. Used ones are being looked into also. They appear to run around \$3500 - \$4000.

New Business: Adorni Center contract is due for renewal. **Michelle Dostal** will take care of it.

Ring gating needed is to be ordered by **Cathy Wright**. Enough is needed for a Rally ring, and Obedience ring and 40' for the indoor rings.

Adjournment: 6:55 PM

The guest speaker did not show so the regular meeting was started.

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:03 PM. In attendance: All of the above plus **Jim Wasetis, Danielle Reed and Rose Kessler.**

Minutes of Last Meeting: Correction to August 07 minutes. **Rose Kessler** sent in the insurance form for the Pet Fair instead of **Jill Otto**. Approved as corrected. **MSAC**

Report of President:

CERF – Great turnout. Needed a minimum of 24 and had 40 dogs booked with 38 actually seen.

Pet Fair – Successful. Lots of people came by the LCKC booth for informational handouts.

Report of Secretary: **Irene Hetrick** has LCKC blank cards and envelopes to hand out. If anyone needs some please contact her. LCKC had mail from PetPac which was envelopes for individual donations (the envelopes will be at the LCKC booth Woofstock). The dog show calendar order is made for 10 calendars, order was sent to **Patty Mendes** for a check to be enclosed and mailed. Miranda's Rescue is looking for volunteers to work at their store in Fortuna (725-4166). Volunteers get a great store discount. Bill from Equisure, **Michelle Dostal** will take care of it. Overdue bill from Stineman Ribbons. Bill from Eureka Reporter. Bills sent to **Patty Mendes** along with bank statements.

Report of Treasurer: **Patty Mendes** absent. No report.

New Member Applications: None

Report of Committees:

Ring practice: **Rose Kessler** needs the insurance form for the practices to continue at the fairgrounds.

Website: **Jim Wasetis** is continuing to update the website. He talked about the site and how many visitors it gets.

2008 Conformation/Obedience Show: Santa Cruz KC will NOT have a show on the same date as ours in 08.

2008 Agility Trial: Contract is signed with Lorie Abbott for 08. Judges are secured. Judge for 09 is already secured.

Unfinished Business:

Concerned Dog owners of CA: Tabled

Agility Equipment Trailer: Motion to purchase Approved. **MSAC**

Woofstock: LCKC will be in Space #6. Help is needed and welcomed. Bring your friendly dog. **Chris Irvin** will bring an 8' table.

Speaker for Nov meeting: **Deb St Myers** will ask Dr. Garrison to speak at the Nov or Jan meeting. She will research other possible speakers.

PA System: **Jim Wasetis** will research different PA systems and will bring his findings to the next meeting.

New Business:

2008 Officers/Board nominations: If anyone is interested in running for a Board position now is the time to let the club know. **Jill Otto, Michelle Dostal, Irene Hetrick, Deb St Myers, Chris Irvin** have offered to stay in their present positions if uncontested. **Chris Irvin** is interested in running for Treasurer at the next election after this one if she can job shadow **Patty Mendes** for a year first.

Adjournment: 8:09 PM

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