



The Lost Coast *H O W L E R*

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NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY,

Sept 15th

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...

LCKC will again have a booth at the Farm Store Pet Fair on Saturday, September 12th. Kris Smith and Rose Kessler will tend the booth, and I plan to be there most of the day. Please come help out, or just visit if you can. It's always fun to talk with the people who stop to look at our book of breeds or who try to find their breed on our AKC chart.

We have been approved for our three-day breed/obedience/rally shows on July 4th weekend next year. We are looking for some really great ideas for our 10th anniversary, so feel free to submit any thoughts you might have to Cathy Wright, our show chair. We discuss this event at each meeting, so please attend and help make the shows this next year a really special event.

See you Tuesday, the 15th, at the Adorni Center at 7pm.

Jill Otto



Have you heard.....



Irene Hetrick's young Doberman, **Jamaica**, finished her **championship** with a **5-point major** by going **Winners Bitch** at the **Doberman specialty** at **Redwood Empire**. Photo to follow in the next newsletter. What a fantastic win! Heartiest congratulations to Irene and Jamaica!!!



Nancy Handgraaf's Pembroke, **Robbie**, was **Bred-by-Exhibitor Herding Group 2** at the Mensona KC show in Santa Rosa. Congratulations to Nancy.



Cathy Wright and **Nick Mendes'** co-owned Parson Russell Terrier, **Sunshine**, came home from the Santa Rosa shows with **2 points**, including a **BOB** over a special! Congratulations to Cathy (Sunshine's breeder) and Nick.



Your editor's Puli puppy, **Linni**, went **WB/BOW/BOB** over adult, fully-corded dogs, two days in a row in Santa Rosa for another **2 pts.** and **3-point major**, respectively. Linni also won **Puppy Herding Group 2**. She now has 13 points, including both majors. Photos to follow in the next newsletter.

If you and your dog(s) have done well in agility, obedience, conformation, rally, herding, tracking, etc., and are not mentioned here, it is because I do not know about the accomplishment. Please don't be shy. Speak up and BRAG IT TO THE WORLD...or at least to our fellow LCKC members. Photos are always nice but not necessary. Just let me know what you've been doing!

Doggie Trivia ... When assigning armband/catalog numbers for AKC conformation shows, dogs (males) are given odd numbers and bitches are assigned even numbers. This is something I never thought about before in 25 years of showing dogs! Thanks to Bayard Smith for teaching me this!

Have you heard..... (continued)

From Beverly Morgan Lewis:



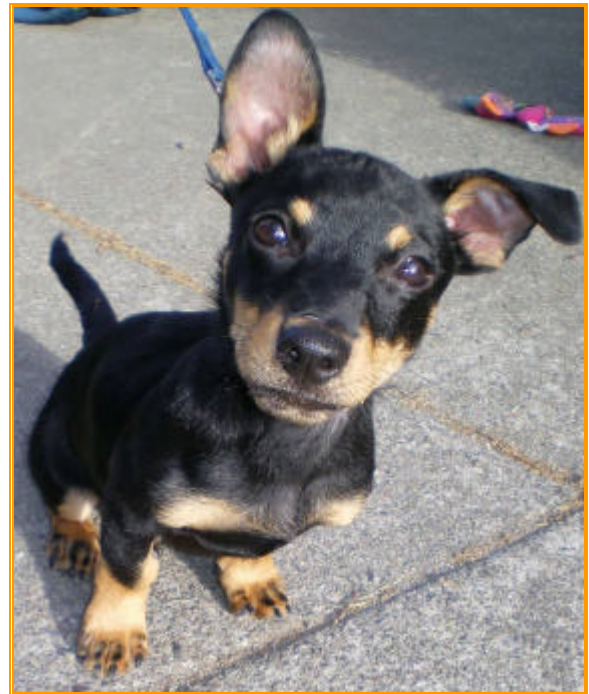
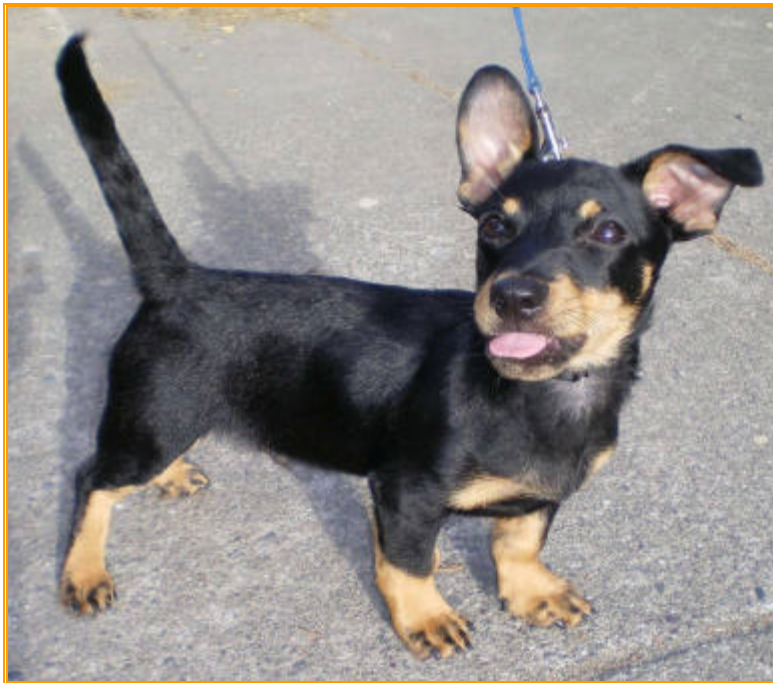
There's a new puppy in the Lewis household. Even though he's not a Pem and has a tail, he's still a member of the Pembrats pack. So, he's Pembrats Tail o the Sorcerer, or Druid. He's a Lancashire Heeler. If you would like to know more about the breed, the AKC has a concise history at:

http://www.akc.org/breeds/lancashire_heeler/history.cfm.

(He was born May 2, making him a Taurus male. David Lewis is also a Taurus male. Fern and Beverly are both Capricorn females. That makes Puck Switzerland. Puck is, coincidentally, a Libra!)

Many thanks to Paula Cunningham for providing the photos for the newsletter

.Introducing...



Druid

The Lancashire Heeler History (as taken from the AKC website)

Although the origin of the Lancashire Heeler is uncertain, it is believed by many to have originated when the Welsh Corgi, used to drive cattle from Wales to markets in Lancashire in northwestern England was bred with the local Manchester Terrier. The resulting black and tan dog did work similar to the Corgi, driving livestock by nipping at their heels and also had the ratter instincts of the terrier. These qualities made it a dual purpose dog and it quickly gained popularity. They were found to be alert, energetic and tireless workers and became popular working dogs on Lancashire area farms. Alternate theories suggest a smattering of other breeds throughout the history, perhaps Daschund, among others. One theory suggests the Lancashire Heeler is one of the original ancestors of the Welsh Corgi rather than the more widely held belief that the Corgi preceded the Lancashire Heeler. References to a dog with a description similar to that of the Lancashire Heeler date back as far as the early sixteenth century.

The 1960s brought about a resurgence of interest in this ancient breed, leading to the formation in 1978 in the United Kingdom of the Lancashire Heeler Club. The Lancashire Heeler was recognized by the Kennel Club, UK when it was placed on the Rare Breed Register in 1981 and was granted full recognition in 1982. The breed gained Champion Status and became the smallest member of the newly formed Pastoral Group in 1999.

Today's breed, identical in color (note: Liver has now been accepted by the standards committee) and size to its ancient counterpart, is mostly a companion dog although many of the breed can still be found working cattle, sheep and other livestock on farms in northwestern England where it has remained popular with a loyal following. The Lancashire Heeler is gaining popularity in Sweden, where the first Lancashire Heeler Club outside of the U.K. was formed in 1989, in Holland (Club founded in June 2001), Finland (Club founded in 2002) , Australia, and USA (Club founded in 2001) where the first Lancashire Heeler, Pennijar Pilgrim, was recorded as Foundation Stock with the AKC Foundation Stock Service in August, 2001.

Did You Know?

- The Lancashire Heeler has been assigned the Herding Group designation.
- ? The Lancashire Heeler has been recorded in the Foundation Stock Service since 2001.
- ? The Lancashire Heeler is also known as the Ormskirk Terrier.
- ? The Lancashire Heeler has a unique characteristic - The Heeler smile. When contented, Heelers have been known to draw back their lips in an effort that emulates a human smile.
- ? The Lancashire Heeler is a rare breed, numbering only around 5,000 worldwide.
- ? In 2003, the breed was placed on the endangered breed list of The Kennel Club, U.K., due to the small number of dogs composing the gene pool and the risk of several inherited diseases. An international effort is now underway to lessen the breeding of high risk dogs and to minimize and control the known health issues that face the breed.
- ? The Lancashire Heeler is truly a versatile breed. The Heeler works to this day as a herder and ratter, a gun dog, a retriever, and a handicap assistance dog.

FYI – *As of July of this year, the Lancashire Heeler is eligible to compete in AKC companion and performance events. We hope to hear of Beverly and Druid's great accomplishments in agility, herding, and who knows what else!* - Ed.

Coming... NEW AKC CONFORMATION TITLE!

From the minutes of the AKC Board meeting of August 10-11, 2009:

Grand Championship

There was a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Dr. Davies, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve a new advanced conformation title to be called Grand Championship. The specifics of the Grand Championship, which is intended to provide additional venues for exhibitors and to encourage entries, are:

- All Champions of record that are eligible to be entered in Best of Breed competition, are automatically entered in competition for points toward the "Grand Champion" title when they are entered in the Best of Breed class at a dog show. There are no additional entry fees or cost to exhibitors for participation in this competition at AKC events.
- Dogs and bitches that have earned their Championship and are moved up to Best of Breed class would be eligible to compete on the day.
- Any exhibits found to be ineligible for "Grand Champion" points would have those points disallowed administratively by the AKC. If Best of Breed is found to be ineligible, all Grand Champion points awarded will be administratively disallowed for Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch.
- Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, or non-regular class winners, are not eligible to compete for "Grand Champion" points.
- All eligible exhibits entered in the Best of Breed class will compete and judging will be concurrent with traditional Best of Breed judging.
- The judge will award Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch. Judges may withhold any awards at their discretion.
- For eligible Champions, the Best of Breed (BOB), Best of Opposite Sex (BOS), Select Dog (SD) and Select Bitch (SB) winners can acquire points toward the "Grand Champion" title. A maximum of four dogs may be awarded "Grand Championship" points.
- The existing schedule of points and divisions will be used to calculate "Grand Champion" points. "Grand Championship" points will be awarded based on the number of eligible entries exhibited. All class exhibits and champions in breed or variety competition present will be counted to compute "Grand Champion" points.
- "Grand Championship" entries will not affect the annual computation schedule of points assigned to each Points Division.
- Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch can earn "Grand Champion" points at AKC All Breed, Limited Breed, or Specialty events.
- There will be no "Grand Champion" points awarded when all competing Champions of Record or move-up dogs are defeated by a class dog or bitch receiving the Best of Breed award.
- If the Best of Opposite Sex winner is the Winners Dog or The Winners Bitch, neither the Best of Opposite Sex nor the Select award for that sex will be eligible for "Grand Champion" awards.
- Best of Breed winner will receive the highest number of "Grand Champion" points available regardless of sex. Best of Breed "Grand Champion" points are based on the total number of dogs and bitches competing in the breed or variety using the point schedule for the individual dog's sex.
- Best of Opposite Sex winner will receive Grand Championship points based on the total number of dogs defeated of the same sex. The Select Dog and Select Bitch will receive points based on the total numbers of dogs defeated of the same sex. Best of Breed or the Best of Opposite Sex will not be included in this computation.
- Best of Opposite Sex point computations may be equal to the Best of Breed winner but in no case will they exceed "Grand Championship" points awarded to Best of Breed.
- "Grand Champion" ribbons will be provided to all eligible Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog, Select Bitch winners.
- Once an eligible dog or bitch has accumulated 25 "Grand Champion" points with three majors under three different judges and at least one point under a fourth judge, it may be designated "Grand Champion" and receive an AKC enhanced certificate indicating they have completed the necessary requirements for the title.
- "Grand Champion" title holders will continue to accumulate points towards the "Grand Champion Ranking System" after completion of title (Top 25, 50 or 100 by Breed, and Group).
- Any dog who completes its Grand Champion title will receive an invitation to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2009 - Mendes home, Ferndale

BOARD MEETING Called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Michelle Dostal, Irene Hetrick, Chris Irvin, Nick Mendes, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Tina Moulton, Jill Otto, Kris and Bayard Smith.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Approved as printed. MSAC.

Report of the Treasurer: Chris Irvin reported on the value of our accounts. Approved MSAC.

Unfinished Business: 15-minute closed session.

New Business: none

Adjournment: 6:55 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING Called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call: All of the above plus Cathlyn Wright

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Under "Reports of Committees" show and trial dates changed from 2008 to 2009.

Approved as corrected. MSAP.

Report of President: Jill Otto said Woofstock went well, lots of people came by and looked at the breed chart and book. Jill, Tina, Rose, Chris, and the Smiths participated.

Report of the Secretary: Kris Smith reported on mail received: AKC letters regarding status of 2010 shows and trials, two thank-you notes, invitation to Aussie rescue fundraiser, misc ads, AKC request for officer list, Sprotsmens's insurance policy. Bev has received correspondence from the Agility trial secretary. Deb received thank-you letter from Red Lion. Jill received a check from a lapsed membership which was sent to HumDog. Kris will contact the member.

Report of the Treasurer: Same as above.

Reports of Committees:

- Ring Practice: No official practices right now, but anyone can organize one.
- Newsletter: Good job, Barb! Send news
- Website: Jill will notify Jim of outdated items on website. Kris will email Code of Ethics. Discussion of why a link exists to member's website – we trade links with selected other websites, including our own members.
- B-OB/OB show: 2010 3-day show, chair Cathy Wright will form a Show Committee which will meet separately. Some spots are filled, some need to be. Discussion of 2009 hospitality questions will be at a show meeting. It was moved to approve purchase of as much ring fencing as we will need to make one inside ring larger and eliminate using the wall as one side, plus new, lighter mats. MSAP after discussion. Cathy will research what we need and its cost.
- Agility Trial: Bev is pleased with the club wide participation at the 2009 trials. Irene moved to approve purchase of enough new equipment so that we would not have to borrow any for our trials, estimated cost about \$1600. MSAP.

Election of New Members: no applications.

Unfinished Business:

- Farm Store Pet Fair, Sat, Sep 12. Kris will go, possibly Jill. Set-up 8-9.
- CERF clinic hosted by HumDog, January 2010. We will help.

New Business: none

Adjournment: 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary.

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