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NEXT MEETING:

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 18th**

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..

I have been delinquent in welcoming the new members who have joined LCKC in the last three months. They are as follows: Irene Cleenewerck, Patrick Haenni & Katie Muldoon, Nicole Morris, Chuck Pierson & Jackie Wood, George Sachtleben, Carol Sisemore, and Laurence Smith. At this writing, I do not have information regarding their cities or breeds, but I didn't want to delay any further in extending them a warm welcome.

Our All-Breed/Obedience & Rally shows are quickly approaching. They will be held June 28th and 29th in Ferndale. We still have plenty of jobs for folks to do, so please plan to attend the next few meetings and volunteer. If you don't feel qualified, just let us know. We are happy to do "on the job training." Everyone is welcome to participate.

I hope to see you at the upcoming meeting to be held at the Adorni Center in Eureka.

Jill Otto

On Canine Health...

Identifying Pain

The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) and the Association of American Feline Practitioners have joined forces to help both veterinarians and pet owners identify signs of pain in pets.

Their guidelines are available online as a PDF at:

www.aahanet.org/PublicDocuments/PainManagementGuidelines.pdf.

More Risks Linked to Early Neutering

Most of you are aware of the ridiculous mandatory spay/neuter law which recently passed in Los Angeles. Not only is spay/neuter mandatory, it must be done by the time a dog or cat is 4 months of age.

The results of a recent study at Colorado State University suggest that early neutering is a risk factor for developing excessive tibial plateau angle (TPA) in large-breed dogs with cranial cruciate ligament disease, a common cause of lameness. In a study of 59 dogs with excessive TPAs and 58 with normal TPAs, the dogs with excessive TPAs were THREE TIMES as likely to have been neutered before 6 months of age. The onset of hind-leg lameness was also significantly earlier. The study appeared in the Dec. 1 issue of the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*.

Ticks and Ehrlichiosis

It's time to start thinking about spring tick season and protecting your dogs from ticks and the infectious diseases they can transmit. In addition to Lyme disease, ticks can transmit Ehrlichia organisms, which in turn can result in ehrlichiosis.

Ehrlichiosis can have three phases: acute, subclinical, and chronic. In the acute, usually lasting less than a month, the dog typically runs a fever and shows signs of depression and loss of appetite. There may also be lethargy, shortness of breath, stiffness, joint pain, and anemia. The organism invades the white blood cells and, therefore, can also cause a number of changes in the dog's complete blood count.

The subclinical phase can last for up to five years, usually with no symptoms present. However, the dog's immune system is working to rid the infection and, if not able to do so, the chronic phase develops, which can result in serious damage to eyes, joints, and kidneys.

Treatment of choice for ehrlichiosis is usually doxycycline, given orally for three to four weeks. Symptoms usually diminish fairly rapidly upon initiation of treatment, but it is important to continue treatment for the entire time recommended by your vet to ensure an effective cure.

Many veterinary hospitals now offer the **Snap 4**, an in-house blood test which tests for heartworm, Lyme disease, and two types of ehrlichiosis.

Canine "Tooth Formula"

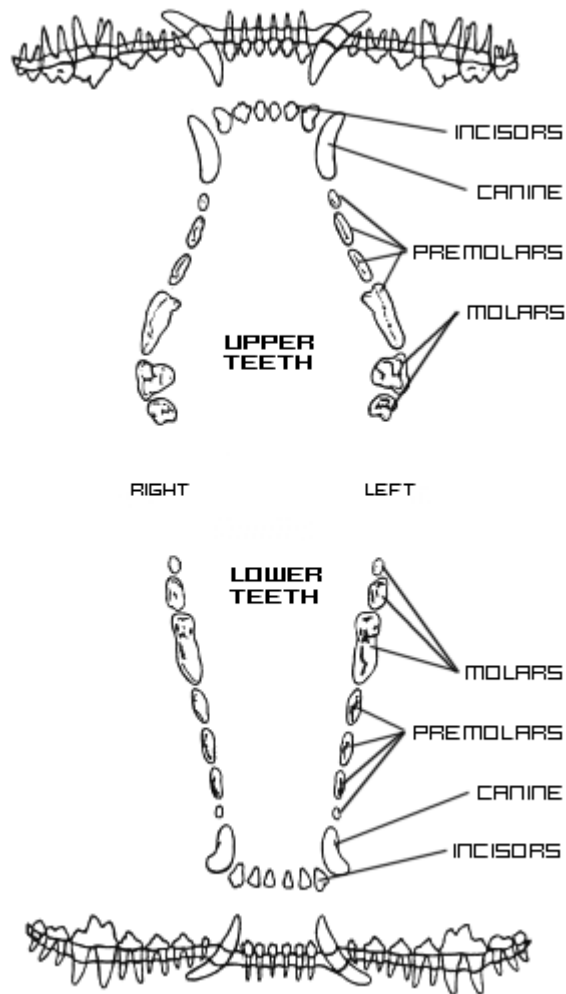
$$2 (I \frac{3}{3} C \frac{1}{1} P \frac{4}{4} M \frac{2}{3}) = 42$$

I=incisor C=canine P=premolar M=molar upper/lower (jaw)

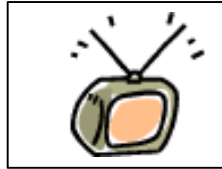
Puppy Teeth: (28)
Incisors 1 & 2 (8)
9-28 Days
Incisors 3 (4)
Canines (4) 3-5 Weeks
Premolars 2 (4) 4-6 Weeks
Premolars 3 & 4 (8) 3-6 Weeks

Permanent Teeth: (42)
Incisors 1 & 2 (8) 3-4 Months
Incisors 3 (4) 5-6 Months
Canines (4) 4-6 Months
Premolars 2 (4) 5-7 Months
Premolars 3 & 4 (8) 5-7 Months
Molars 1 (4) 4-6 Months
Molars 2 (4) 4-7 Months
Molars 3 (2) 6-9 Months

Adult Canine Dentition



(Thanks to Irene Hetrick for submitting the "Tooth Formula." - Ed.)



ON THE HOME SCREEN...

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

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| Saturday, March 15 – | Jack Russell Terrier |
| Sunday, March 16 - | Golden Retriever |
| Saturday, March 22 – | Boxer |
| Sunday, March 23 – | Borzoi |
| Saturday, March 29 - | Golden Retriever |
| Sunday, March 30 - | Dachshund |

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

Also, at **10:00 a.m.**, following the segment on the Borzoi on **March 23rd**, Animal Planet will be showcasing **lure coursing**.

Then, on **March 30 at 10:00 a.m.**, following the segment on the Dachshund, Animal Planet will be broadcasting the **Canadian Agility National Championship**.



LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2008

Board Meeting: Called to order at 6:37 PM

In Attendance: Jill Otto, Patty Mendes, Nick Mendes, Chris Irvin, Michelle Dostal, Danielle Reed, Irene Hetrick, Beverly Morgan Lewis

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved **MSAC**

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

Unfinished Business:

- ? Several items from November – Corrected Nov minutes should read “**Jill Otto – President, Michelle Dostal – Vice president, Irene Hetrick – Secretary, Chris Irvin – Treasurer, Deb St Myers – Board member, Patty Mendes – Board member, Beverly Morgan-Lewis – Board member.** “ not “as is”.
- ? **Ring practice** – Waivers need to be signed by all participants once yearly. A tracking mechanism needs to be in place to assure this is done. **Michelle Dostal** to make a spreadsheet of all members to facilitate this.

New Business: **Irene Hetrick** raised a concern that not all the members are getting the newsletter as not all belong to the Yahoo Group or read the website. Club concurred that newsletters need to be sent to all members individually in addition to being published on the web site. **Michelle Dostal** will take care of this. **Beverly Morgan Lewis** stated that since we are a 501(c)3, we need to be as transparent as possible. Approved **MSAC**

Adjournment: 7:04 PM

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:05 PM

In Attendance: All of the above plus **Ardith Dahlstrom, Rose Kessler, Carol Sisemore, Jackie Wood, and Chuck Pierson.**

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved **MSAC**

Report of President: **Jill Otto** thanks everyone for all their support.

- ? Dog Expo – LCKC members had a group of tables. The Expo went well. **Chris Irvin** announced for the Parade of Breeds. **Humdog** would like LCKC to take over the organizing of the Parade of Breeds at future Expos.

Report of Secretary: Given by **Irene Hetrick.** LCKC received donation requests from Louisville Dog Club, and the Corvallis Vet School, a flyer for agility weaves, and a Thank You card from **Jill Otto.**

Report of Treasurer: Read by **Chris Irvin.** The Wells Fargo account is now closed.

- ? Dues reminder – Dues not paid by the end of February will result in a lapsed membership and you must reapply.

Report of Committees:

- ? **Ring practice:** **Rose Kessler** reports the weather is getting better. She needs people to volunteer for the conformation part of the practices.
- ? **Newsletter** - Photos and articles are needed!
- ? **2008 Conformation/Obedience Show:** The Exchange Club will do a Friday night dinner and a BBQ on Sat at the show. The trophies are settled. The club voted to raise entry fees by one dollar across the board. Approved **MSAC.** **Michelle Dostal** would like volunteers for the obedience trial. **Chris Irvin** would like volunteers for the Rally Trial.
- ? **2008 Agility Trial:** **Beverly Morgan Lewis** reports all is in order.

New Member Applications: 4 applications received. 2 rejected as not in line with the By Laws. **Irene Hetrick** will contact them about compliance. Welcome new members, **George Sachtleben** who has Lab and a Golden Lab cross, and **Chuck Pierson and Jackie Wood** (family membership) who have a mini Dachshund. Approved **MSAC.** Welcome new members!

Unfinished Business:

- ? Move election of new members – **Irene Hetrick** suggested this so new members won't have to sit through almost a whole meeting before being introduced. She rescinds the motion to move this item as it would mean a change in the By Laws. Instead **we will now start an official roll call at the start of the general meeting.**

New Business:

- ? Need a new Judge Selection Chair as **Ardith Dahlstrom** would like to show her own dogs next year. **Irene Hetrick** took the job back.
- ? CGC at 07 show – People did not receive their CGC certificates from the show last year. The tester was from the new Oregon dog club. No paperwork was given out, only bandanas. The club recommends the members contact AKC about it.

Minutes continued...

- ? Carpet in trailer – The carpet is the heaviest item in the trailer. It was suggested that it be stored in the shed at Ferndale fairgrounds.
- ? Trailer arranging party – **Nick and Patty Mendes** have volunteered to have a BBQ at their place in a month or so when the weather is nicer. It will be for cleaning out the show trailer and getting the agility equipment out for the agility trailer. The date is not set yet.
- ? Farm Store Rescue Fair – Will be on April 26th. Who would like to be there to represent LCKC?
- ? Speaker at March Meeting – **Jill Otto** to contact **Deb St Myers** about possibly having **Dr. Patricia Garrison** as a speaker.

Adjournment: 8:31 PM

Braggs – Beverly Morgan Lewis has completed her provisional status as an Agility Judge!

“A dog is like an eternal Peter Pan, a child who never grows old and who therefore is always available to love and be loved .”
--- Aaron Katcher



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