



# The Lost Coast Howler

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## JOIN US!

Meetings are held  
online & in person  
the 3rd Tuesday of each month

Everyone is welcome!  
BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM  
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM

## LCKC President's Message April 2024

**CHANGE:** a word that is either a verb or a noun.

**Verb:** to make different, replace

**Noun:** the act of becoming different, coins

Change is despised by most people. And adored and embraced by a rare few. It is an odd combination of certainties and discomforts.

What's the old saying? "Change is the only constant in life." This phrase encapsulates the idea that everything in life is in a constant state of flux, and change is evitable. It's a reminder that we can always expect change as a part of our existence and that adaptability is an essential quality for navigating life's

ever-shifting circumstances.

I think we anthropomorphize our dogs when it comes to change.

"Old dogs can't learn new tricks."

Anyone who has had much to do with dog training knows this is such baloney. Dogs live in the moment. Change just "is". If there's praise or a cookie involved, change is GOOD!

How does this all tie together?

Let's praise and give cookies to our fellow humans where it comes to change. Make it easy for them.

Because CHANGE is inevitable. Our attitude is our choice.

At our last meeting there was a request for a brief synopsis of the meeting for those that choose to not read the minutes.

- Board has approved the expenses for the final repairs on the agility trailer.
- We are participating in a fundraising event on June 29 called Carol's Critters, put on by local radio stations for the benefit of local rescues.
- Next practice is May 7 at the Fairgrounds - Fast CAT at 11, ring practices at 1. Barn Hunt Practices are ongoing at the Lake's and will start in May at the Hanson's.
- Plans are going well for the show and agility weekends. Beth encourages people to pre-enter Fast CAT. Barn Hunt entries open June 1.
- There are three rolls of plastic fencing missing from the shed. We will have to buy more.
- Michelle Dostal is our liaison with HCART, Humboldt County Rescue Team), a new organization devoted to responding to disasters. We might be able to work with them to get an AKC Reunite Disaster trailer brought here.
- We now have a scoreboard for Fast CAT, so handlers can see their times right at the end of their run. It needs a stand and cover, if anybody who is creative is willing to brainstorm on solutions, speak up.
- The May 19 Fast CAT practice will start early (10:30) so Dr. Schroeder can give us all a lesson on doing inspections.
- For more details, please read the minutes. Kris does an outstanding job taking and transcribing.

We are inching at the speed of light toward our July shows. We are still in need of a raffle chair. We are willing to train and support. Think short and soft as opposed to long and hard about entertaining the idea of helping with this important fund raiser for the Lost Coast Kennel Club.

All my best,

Deb Lake

President, Lost Coast Kennel Club



Cassandra

Bitz earned her very first title, FIT DOG Bronze! It might not be a huge achievement, but I hope it is the first of many future titles, and her breeder was thrilled to see her name has grown by four letters. I am proud of this little dog who is now Avalon's Chuffed to Bitz FITB!

# MINUTES OF THE LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB

March 19, 2024, via Zoom

## BOARD MEETING

The Board meeting was called to order by President Debra Lake at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Board members: Marilyn Cottrell, Michelle Dostal, Deb Lake, Patty Mendes, Jill Otto, Kris Smith, Deb Tull.

Non Board members: Sara Borok, Bill Clawson, Kim Gradin, Susan Hutchison, Mike Lake, Joyce Maire, Griffin Mancuso, Tina Moulton, Beth Rogers, Deb St Myers, Dan Wake, Cathy Wright

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the February 19, 2024, Board meeting were approved as published. (Jill/Marilyn)

Report of the Treasurer: Jill said that Andrea was busy with taxes so her part of the treasurer's report will be for February and March at the next meeting. All the bills have been paid for the new agility equipment. There was Board consensus to renew membership for a member who missed the deadline due to hardship. A check has come for the Crescent City PD K9 pass through donation, so Jill will deposit that and send a check to the CCPD, then Kris will notify the AKC Reunite program. Deb Lake is working on some PR to go with the presentation of that check. Some ideas were suggested for club PR regarding our participation in the AKC Reunite K9 grants. Jill said on the raffle report to the state, we can only spend 10% of the total income on raffle expenses, so we need to remember that for the next report. **MSAC (Deb T/Michelle) to approve the Treasurer's Report.**

## Unfinished Business:

- Repair of the agility trailer – Marilyn said the trailer is at Reynolds, and their estimate for repairs is a little more than previously authorized, so the Board approved the extra amount. Michael broke his finger moving the trailer, so Kris will send him an incident report to fill out. He will get pressure treated boards to park the trailer on once it goes back to Nilsen's.
- AKC Reunite Disaster Trailer – Michelle will be the club liaison with CART (County Animal Rescue Team), which is the new animal disaster relief non profit organization.
- March Rally/Obedience trials at Shasta shows – Sara reported that "we kicked butt". Lost one of the judges, but Lora Seale picked up all the assignments. There were 269 entries, about 100 more than we get here in July. We will probably clear around \$1500. Shasta KC had a good crew to take care of the LCKC volunteers. The exhibitors loved the ribbons. Very long weekend, but very successful. THANK YOU to Sara and volunteers!
- Fairgrounds contracts – Kris explained that the Fair liaison has a draft contract for the show weekend, but but no applications for the shed/practice contract or agility weekend, even though those were sent in last month. They were resent so there should be drafts for all contracts soon.

New Business: none

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

## REGULAR MEETING:

The Regular meeting was called to order by President Debra Lake at 7:12 pm.

Present: All of the above plus Teresa Chase, Cassie Lock, Suzi Martin, Tricia Morgan, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Sherry Pavlich.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the February 19, 2024, Regular meeting were approved as published. (Jill/Patty).

Report of the President: Deb Lake wished everyone a Happy Spring. She did a lot of PR at the Anderson trials about our own events. She appreciates all our club helpers.

Report of the Secretary: Kris said we received applications, the usual junk mail/catalogs, and thank-yous for donations from the Ferndale Chamber of Commerce, AKC Canine Health Fund, and Humboldt County Fair. She sent welcome emails to new members.

Report of the Treasurer: Jill explained that, due to Andrea being busy with taxes, we will have a February/March treasurer's report next month. New agility equipment is paid for, not much going on in February. Explanation of the state raffle report and the CCPD K9 transaction.

## Report of Committees:

### PRACTICES

Kris said the March 3 practice was rained out. The next will be April 7, and will include FastCAT. Deb L said they are set up now for Barn Hunt practice in all weather. Text her for details.

### B-OB SHOWS/RALLY/FastCAT 2024 (July 5-7):

Shows: Tina said she is waiting for the draft premium to come back for final editing. The judges are working on travel plans. Working on vendors, but needs the fair contract before sending agreements. Tina is in touch with Red Barn (dog food), who contacted us about coming to our shows. We have no volunteers to chair the raffle. Have to have someone by May 1. Our raffle is famous and brings in a lot of money, and we really need it. There could be co-chairs. Deb L said the volunteer fire department has changed, so we may need to look elsewhere for an EMT. Cathy said trophy sponsorships can be paid for via PayPal; there is a link on the website, or Tina can send an invoice, or send a check to the LCKC mailbox. Make sure to label it for trophies. Foggy Bottom Boys' Jersey Scoops will sponsor free ice cream on Saturday at Groups. Tina contacted some hotels and got reduced rates for exhibitors, and will put the info on Facebook and our website. Susan said the Clarion is willing to work with us as well. Sara said quite a bit of the tie dye merchandise is done, going to do bags.

Rally/Obedience: Sara said everything is all set for July. The trials in Anderson were brutal, long days, but very successful. Lots of compliments, good support from Shasta KC, they want us back. Thanks to the core of LCKC volunteers.

FastCAT: See agility weekend report.

Farm Dog: Nothing new

AGILITY, BARN HUNT, FASTCAT 2024 (July 18-21):

Agility: Deb L said we have some of the new equipment. Marlene has some, and she and Beverly ML will be bringing some home from Dog Star. We will need to organize a day to take the old equipment out and put the new stuff into the trailer. Probably sell the old stuff. Maybe April or early May. Beth suggested advertising the bigger things before that so it doesn't have to be stored. Maybe donate what doesn't sell. Deb SM suggested that the sale might offset the loss from not having the raffle. Beverly ML said we will need to offer big rosettes for Grand Championships – it's standard practice and part of doing business.

Barn Hunt: Mike said everything is looking good. All set up with judges, etc. Probably have two rings going. Cathy said the Fair might not go for the location of the second ring. Deb L will check it out.. Need to see what the contract says.

Fast CAT: Beth said there are already three entries.

SCENTWORK TRIALS 2024 (Labor Day weekend August 31 – Sep 2):

Susan said there is nothing new.

FIT DOG – Kim asked if anyone wants to lead a walk. Discussion of possibilities.

NEWSLETTER: Emily is waiting for brags from Anderson.

WEBSITE: Up to date for all events. Tina added a link to PayPal for members to pay for trophy sponsorships.

CHAT GROUP: Everyone has been invited, new members have joined. If we go over 100, we'll have to pay \$20/month.

MEMBERSHIP: The window for paying dues for 2024 has closed.

BYLAWS: Nothing new; looking at changes.

JUNIOR/YOUTH HANDLER MENTORSHIP: Nothing new at this time.

Election of New Members: **MSAC (Jill/Deb L) to approve Lorrie (Hana) Hanawalt for regular membership, Sasha Essig for associate membership, and Joanne Olson for rejoining.**

Unfinished Business:

- Agility trailer repairs – The trailer is at Reynold's, Board has approved going slightly over the authorized amount, they will call Jill to pay with the Club credit card.
- HumDOG Expo (March 24) – Tina will bring the hats and will have a device to pay with a card. Jill said that out of 40 booths, 21 are LCKC members. Susan said they are full and there is a waiting list. Set-up is on Saturday 12 – 5.
- FastCAT Scoreboard – Motion made and seconded at the February meeting: to approve spending up to \$1500 on a 7" LED scoreboard with accessories. Vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

New Business: **none**

Announcements:

- Trish said HumDOG's CPE trial will be on August 16, 17, 18.
- Barn Hunt practice at the Lake's this Friday, 10 a.m.-12 pm and 1-3 p.m. Contact Deb Lake.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.



Susan Hutchison

Jenna participated and completed the AKC Spring Scurry walk (3.6 miles) today and wears her medallion proudly!



Thank you Kim Gradin for organizing the FIT DOG walk. The walk was on 3/30/24. It started at the Adorni Center and went to Costo and back. Approximately 3 miles. Lots of teams!! 23 I think! Everyone did well!

Marilyn Cottrell and Bayley

## PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

May 5: Ferndale Fairgrounds – Fast CAT on track at 11 am

1 pm, Midway Lawns - Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

May 19: Ferndale Fairgrounds – Fast CAT on track at 11 am

1 pm, Midway Lawns - Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

June 2: Ferndale Fairgrounds – Fast CAT on track at 11 am

1 pm, Midway Lawns - Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

June 9: Ridgewood School – 1 p.m. Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

June 16: Ferndale Fairgrounds – Fast CAT on track at 11 am

1 pm, Midway Lawns - Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

June 23: Ferndale Fairgrounds – 1 pm, Midway Lawns - Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

August 4: Ridgewood School – 1 p.m. Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work

August 11: Ridgewood School – 1 p.m. Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (Mock trial for training volunteers)

Hello all,

At our last meeting we voted to do a \$500 sponsorship/advertising package for the  
Lost Coast Communications “Carole’s Critters” event.

Unfortunately, all the sponsor spots sold out really fast. Instead we are doing a booth at the event on June  
29th at Blue Lake Casino

in the large field next to the Sapphire Palace, from 12pm-4pm. They will have 6 shelter/rescues joining, 3  
food trucks, the bloodmobile, a dunk tank, pet costume contest and some raffles. Blue Lake Casino will  
provide a beer garden. It should be a fun event. Set up will be at 10:30 am.

I have asked if we can have a 10x20 space. It's outdoors so we won't be able to run the video we showed  
at the HumDOG expo.

I have 2 purple top canopies we can use and all the handouts we had at the expo plus the 2024 events  
poster and the big AKC breed poster.

We will need the big LCKC banner from the shed (prefer the new one with the redwoods background)  
We can do demos or whatever. I am hoping folks will share some of the display stuff they had at the expo  
- Fast CAT, Fit Dog, Truffle Hunting, Fetch Dog, etc. The more the better if we get the 10x20 space.

As part of this package, we will get some live read ads on the radio the week before the event.  
I would like to get together a group of folks willing to help with this. It should be a fun day and a great  
opportunity to cast ourselves as good guys in the dog world.

Thanks,  
Tina Moulton

BEVERLY MORGAN LEWIS

As we (LCKC) have replaced a few pieces of our agility equipment, we have the replaced items to get rid of. To that end we will be holding a members-only, silent auction at the trailer on Saturday, April 27 from 1:30–2:30. The trailer is parked at Nilsen Feed in Ferndale. We will for sure have a dog walk, a 15' purple tunnel, tunnel bags, 2 sets of 12 weaves and two double spread jumps. As we sort through the trailer, we may identify additional items to add to the auction at the last minute. If no members bid on an item, then bids for that item will be accepted from nonmembers.

Marlene, Michael and I will be sorting through the trailer prior to the sale. We will handle this part. We need to be able to sort through stuff without distraction and assess how the trailer will be configured going forward. The silent auction begins at 1:30. It won't do any good to arrive before 1:30.

Bidding won't begin before 1:30.

You'll have a full hour to look over the items.

Bids will be open until 2:30. At that time, bidding will be closed. Whichever member has the highest bid at that time wins the item.

If you aren't able to attend, you'll need to make arrangements with another member to do your bidding for you.

If there are any items that members don't bid on, bidding will be opened to nonmembers.

Bring cash or checkbook. We won't be accepting credit cards.

**BE PREPARED TO TAKE THE ITEM WITH YOU AT 2:30.** If you aren't able to transport an item immediately, don't bid on it.

If you have any questions, please ask me directly. My email is [pembrats@suddenlink.net](mailto:pembrats@suddenlink.net)

See you on 4/27.



## Beverly Chang

There will be a Farm Dog Certification overview offered at noon on May 19 in conjunction with the All Breed practice at the Ferndale Fairgrounds.

Vixen, AKA Anthology's Whatever May Come on Monument Mt., earned her 3rd Rally Novice leg at the Anderson Show (no thanks to her breeder, Beverly Chang - ha ha!) We were on track for a perfect score until Vixen decided Beverly, who was Stewarding mere feet away from the ring, was way more important than finishing our final sign. Still, a Q is a Q so onward to RI or RA.

Vixen and her big brother CH Brightstar's Karhu Rex McGee RI DCat got to run FastCAT at Anderson too. The FastCAT crew absolutely adores Karhu due to his extreme and loud enthusiasm. He did not disappoint. I was grateful Roxy Howe was willing to release him since few are up to the task.

Karhu, Vixen and I continue to love Canicrossing on our local trails. You might love it too. CaniHiking works as well.

Visit North American Canicross to learn more: [nacanicross.com](http://nacanicross.com)

Terri Vroman Little





Sara Borok :  
Hildy got her first  
High in Trial Working group in  
Agility up in Albany last month. She  
also picked up a  
master jumpers and  
2 excellent standard Q's and a  
second in veteran sweeps  
at a specialty.  
And vinnie finished his  
Championship  
(and is #6 owner handler Lagotto)  
in Anderson the month before.





**DBF Bernie Swagger  
earned his  
AKC MACH #5  
April 14th at the  
Rogue Canine Agility Trial**

**Vicke**

**This is Amber. She is Garbo's daughter and Libby's & Marty's sister. She plans to follow in her Mom's footsteps. Watch for great things to come.**

**Jon & Tricia**



**Shylo turned 16 years old on April 17th.**

**Jon & Tricia**



*Miss ZUZU has been a working girls these last months.  
Earned her NACSW NOSEWORK 1 TITLE last month  
and Qualifying 4th overall in the element trial the next day.  
This month at her second ever agility trial, she earned 4 qualifying  
and 1st places in all her novice classes... WE ARE on a good roll which she  
is immensely enjoying as well as I am.*

*Well one more brag she earned her Novice Trick dog title too that same weekend.  
Deb St.Myers*

*Miss Zing had a birthday and party and qualified again in an Elite NACSW trial  
which gives her her Elite 3 title. She is possibly 3 trials away from her NOSE-  
WORK Championship. Zing also ran in the agility trial this last weekend  
and earned a 1 place and earned her Novice trick Dog title. We have a  
busy few months ahead.*

*Debs*

