



The Lost Coast **H O W L E R**

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Next meeting:

Tuesday, January 16th

at the the

Adorni Center

(Address is at bottom of page)

Join Us!

Everyone is welcome!

BOARD MEETING

6:30 PM

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 PM

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, alternating between the Adorni Center in Eureka 1011 Waterfront Drive, in odd numbered months and at The Clubhouse at The Meadows, 2520-90 Hubbard Lane, Eureka in even numbered months. No meeting in December.

President's Corner

Hello! I'm Linda Bergstrom, and I'm both a relatively new member of LCKC, having joined only last spring, and the brand spanking new President of the club, so it seems like a good idea to introduce myself here.

Though my circumstances limit me to a dogless life these days, I'm a lifelong Dog Person, and while I have enjoyed and appreciated dogs of many breeds (and mixes), I'm generally most deeply drawn to herding breeds. My first dog was a Border Collie mix named Tippy who was born on my eleventh birthday. In adulthood I had Tanya, a German Shepherd Dog, and then Corey, the Belgian Malinois who was the other half of my heart. I've also deeply loved a number of Rottweilers, my stepdogs and goddogs. My GSD was shown in conformation, with modest success, but my principal interests were in other activities, including obedience, tracking, personal protection training, and traveling all over the western US with my dog(s).

I hope any and all of you that I've yet to meet will introduce yourselves to me in person when our paths cross during the year. I will almost certainly forget your name two or three times before I finally remember it, so please accept my apologies in advance, but on the plus side I will probably remember your dogs and their names from the first introduction.

I imagine it's going to take me a while to find my feet in the job, so I would also like to invite any and all to offer advice and reminders that will help me to best serve the club's needs.

Changing gears to LCKC business:

The Event Team has been hard at work planning and preparing for our upcoming Rally & Obedience trial that will be held on January 20th and 21st at Redwood Acres and our Scentwork trial that will be held on February 3rd and 4th at the Fairgrounds in Ferndale, with a "Sniff & Go" on the 2nd, as well as a lot of advance work on the big summer show. Look for e-mails asking for volunteers for setup/breakdown, stewarding, etc.

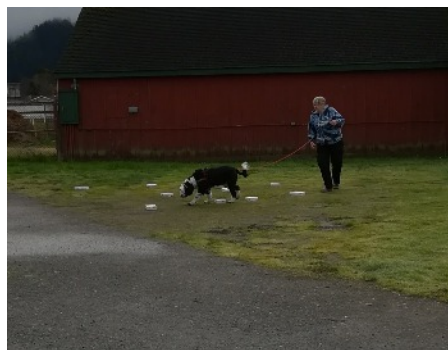
Finally, it's time for membership renewals. Dues are \$15 per year for individual and \$25 for family. They are due by January 1st, and considered lapsed on March 1st. Dues may be paid in person at the January meeting, or may be mailed to the club's PO Box (see header).



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Club Activities

Scent Work Practice



From Kris Smith:

A CAUTIONARY TALE

I want to share with you a description of an ongoing health issue with our almost 3 year old Neida, in hopes it will help others with diagnosis. Back in October, she began moving stiffly, as if she were sore over her loins. She has had some recurring stiffness in her hips, so we assumed this was a worsening of a current problem, and just put her “on the bench” with rest and limited exercise. She got worse; the chiropractor found some spots to adjust, but felt she was treating symptoms which were secondary to something more serious. She lost her appetite, dropped weight quickly, and was fading before our eyes. An anti inflammatory helped for a few days, but she kept deteriorating. Stuck on the idea that it was musculoskeletal, we had radiographs done of her spine and hips, all in great shape. We did blood work, which showed high liver and white counts.

She came off the anti inflammatory because of the liver values, and was started on liver support supplements. Still she got worse, hardly able to move, like a creeping paralysis. We scheduled an abdominal ultrasound to check the liver – all the organs looked fine. More blood work showed liver values still going up. Then, while our vet, who is also our daughter, was in the clinic late on emergency, she brainstormed with her tech, and they decided to test the blood they still had for tick borne diseases. There it was – anaplasma, which is a tick borne bacteria, carried by the same ticks that carry Lyme. She was on doxycycline by 11 pm, and was already starting to feel better by the next morning.

Since then she has improved a little every day, but not without worry. Blood work a week later showed liver values still high, possibly from the doxy. We are trying to balance enough antibiotic to kill the bacteria without damaging her liver, and it’s an ongoing struggle.

I know there are ticks and fleas in this general area, but I had not seen any last fall. I lengthened the time between preventative treatments because I didn’t think the dogs were getting exposed. I don’t know if she picked up a tiny tick here, or when we were traveling, but I never saw it, and never saw her scratching like they do when they have one.

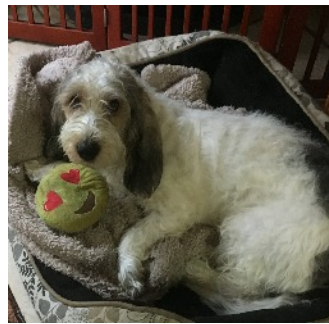
I have two takeaways from this experience. First, stay up to date on your flea/tick prevention, what ever you use. Second, if you are dealing with mysterious symptoms which are not responding or don’t make sense, don’t be shy about asking for a test for tick borne diseases. I wish we had thought of it months ago.



Have you heard?

From Kimber Gradin:

Liberty Run's Journey of Zeeva RA CGCA TKN NDD "Zeeva" earned her Novice Draft Dog Title in Foresthill, CA at the beginning of November even though it was a rainy cold day. (We missed this great pic in November)



From Jill Otto:

At just 1 year of age, "Dooney" (Black Majesty US Sunshine Superman at Sunspot, TKN) earned his Canine Good Citizen (CGC) title in December and also received the new AKC award for Achiever Dog.



From Nick and Patty Mendes:

At just 16 months old our Rose, Amber Rose Cherry Love, bred by Monika Turas, became a Grand Champion. 5 majors plus 4 points. 11 shows since she got her championship!! We are so happy with this girl, plus she is so fun. Just walking her around the grounds, she has a way of catching attention and winning hearts. She certainly has ours. Thank you Adrian and Trina and all of those who have helped with this terrific journey.



Have you heard?

From Deb St. Myers:

Above is "Agate's Red Hot Zinger RATN, NAJ, NAP, NSW. She finished her novice agility titles in November 2017.

Below is Miss Zing earning her Novice ScentWork title up in Portland in December 2017. She had several class places in doing so.

We hope to see you all at our Lost Coast Kennel Club's first AKC Scentwork Trial.

It's a great spectators sport as well.



From Sandra Gould:

Tippet has been busy these past few months.

He has earned the AKC titles

- Scent Work Novice (which includes titles in
- Novice Interior, Exterior, Container and Buried)
- Scent Work Advanced: Interior, Exterior, Buried; and two legs on Container
- Achiever Dog

More legs on his RAE (now has six)

Tippet was the first Portuguese Water Dog in the United States to earn the Scent Work Novice title.

From Beverly Morgan Lewis:

Meet Hooligan!!!!

WooHoo!!



MINUTES OF THE LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB
November 21, 2017, The Adorni Center, Eureka

BOARD MEETING: Called to order by Vice President Jill Otto at 6:35 pm.

Present: Sara Borok, Cheryl Davis, Pat Johnson, Patty and Nick Mendes, Tina Moulton, Jill Otto, Kris Smith, Debbie Tull.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: MSAC to approve as corrected (change "Sally" to "Sandy").

Report of the Treasurer: Patty - Discussion of signatories for the checking account – will take Jill off of the list, but she will have a checkbook, as she is centrally located. Will report with "Profit and Loss" statements; way to keep track of how things are going. Discussion of what has been paid for, on which account. We will not use the Tri-counties account for new expenses. We have received a notice from the IRS that we did not file a return.

Unfinished Business:

- Donations – We will discuss donations after Patty looks at our expenditures this year.
- Santa Rosa Fire disaster donation – No progress on which organization to donate to, so we will ask the membership to let this go.

New Business:

- Agility trailer – vent has been checked, and it is closed. We will address a donation for storage when we look at 2018 donations.
- Barbara Domanchuk has offered to make a promotional video about things we do with our dogs. Sounds like good publicity; Jill is willing to respond. The Board will ask the members.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

REGULAR MEETING: Called to order by Vice President Jill Otto at 7:10 pm.

Present: All of the above plus Beverly Chang, Susan Hutchison, Deb St. Myers, Cathy Wright, and guest, Judy Johnston, who has a Pumi and is interested in agility.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: MSAC to approve as published.

Report of the (Vice) President: The Rally Clinic was well attended and very good; everybody learned a lot.

Report of the Secretary: Mail: Various catalogs and promotional material.

Report of the Treasurer: Patty has been through the records of previous treasurers. The computer is old, and there is no way to reconcile. She has opened a new account at Redwood Capital Bank. People who can sign checks are Linda (President), Patty (Treasurer), Cathy (Show Chair), Beverly (Agility Chair). Patty and Jill will have checkbooks.

Report of Committees:

- Practice: Cathy has been encouraging people to practice and enter our Scent Work trials. There have been about one per month at Ridgewood School. Next will be December 9 and 30. Discussion of what to bring to SW practice.
- Newsletter: **Great newsletter! Lots of good items and photos, some gleaned from Facebook.**
- Website: **Updated.**
- Yahoo Group: **People who are not in it can request via lostcoastkc@gmail.com.**
- Membership: **Updated list is in the files on the Yahoo Group.**
- Event Team: **Cathy reported that there will be two meetings coming up, December 9 and 30. Notes from the meetings are in the newsletter. She distributed a chart with jobs and events, which will show what we need, and encourage people to learn how to do things. Anybody can add information.**
- January Rally/Obedience Trials: January (19), 20, 21. Judges' contracts are in, premium list is finished, trophy sponsors coming in, hotel arranged (Red Lion), ribbons and pins will be ordered. Will need Hum DOG's mats, trailer should be there Thursday afternoon. Hot dog vendor will be there. Trial Secretary will mail or email premium list to previous competitors. Popular judges should help entries. Set up at 9 a.m. Friday. Pat announced that HumDOG will offer rally and obedience practice at Redwood Acres on January 8 and 15 at 5 and 8 p.m., on a drop-in basis.
- Scent Work Trials: **February (2), 3, 4. There will be a Sniff and Go on Friday before the Obedience/Rally trials, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday. The premium list is out for the SW trials, and a flier which can be taken to other events. Advanced dogs can enter on the day of the trial (Sunday). Lots of new people are coming to practice. Ribbons will be ordered. Will have a raffle of SW items. People are being encouraged to come to watch, but leave unentered dogs at home. Other clubs seem to be breaking even on their events.**
- B-OB Shows: Cathy is nearly ready to put in the application. Kathy Britton is in contact with the judges. Contracts have been written up as per dog rather than a fee, which is a change that needs to be approved by the Board. Details are being handled at the Event Team meetings. Beverly Chang is helping with sponsors and trophies. We need a Judges Hospitality/liaison volunteer. Prefer Red Lion because of the airport shuttle.

- Agility Trial and Barn Hunt: Nothing new from Agility Chair Beverly.

Barn Hunt: Cathy brought up a discussion of the hired helpers. They should be people who are physically fit so they won't injure themselves moving bales.

Election of New Members: no new applications

Election of Officers and Board Members: No nominations were received in addition to the slate presented by the Nominating Committee. **MSAC to approve the following officers and board members by acclamation. President: Linda Bergstrom. Vice President, Jill Otto. Secretary, Kris Smith. Treasurer, Patty Mendes. Board Members: Sara Borok, Debbie Tull, Cathy Wright.** Jill Otto was thanked for filling three positions at times throughout the year.

Unfinished Business:

- Rally Clinic: The Rally clinic presented by Sandy Svenson was well received and attended. All participants learned something. And, it made a profit! We would probably do it again.
- Donations: The Treasurer is still working on putting our financial situation in order. Dogwood Animal Rescue Project, Santa Rosa, was suggested as a recipient of a donation for fire victims. If the donation is received by November 28, the Gates Foundation will match it. **MSAC to send our \$500 fire victim donation to Dogwood Animal Rescue Project. MSAC to make our annual \$250 holiday donation to Bless the Beasts.** We will hold off on the other donations until after the first of the year. Discussion of what we usually give to HumDOG. Discussion of Hum Co Fair donation. Donations made in 2017 are: \$500 to Bark for Life, \$300 to Ferndale Soccer Program, \$500 to Dogwood Animal Rescue Project, \$250 or \$500 to Bless the Beasts, \$50 in gift cards to HumDOG.
- Holiday Party: December 16, Chris Irvin's house, 6 p.m. Invitations have been sent. Chris will cook a turkey, others bring potluck sides and desserts. We will do the crazy gift exchange and games. Be sure to RSVP.

New Business:

- The Board asked members if they are interested in taking up Barb Domanchuk's offer to put together a video of members working their dogs in various activities. She works for Access Humboldt. People expressed interest. Contact Jill Otto if you are interested, and she will find out how to proceed.

Announcements: If people are going to the Coos KC show this summer and want to stay at the campgrounds, they need to make reservations now.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary