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NEXT MEETING:

**TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16th**

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 would like to welcome new member Cindy Harcharick to LCKC. She lives in Trinidad with her Aussie, Ginger.

Thank you to the club members who helped at the booth at Woofstock last weekend and to Rose for setting everything up. Many folks visited the booth to learn more about our dogs. Club members and their dogs had a good time meeting the crowd.

We will be setting the booth up again this Saturday, September 13th, at the Farm Store for their annual Pet Fair. Come support our club and join in the festivities.

We are planning a pizza party for October. There will be additional information at the upcoming meeting at the Adorni Center on Tuesday, September 16th.

Jill Otto

HAVE YOU HEARD...

 Irene Hetrick's Dobie, Jamaica, earned her Novice Agility Jumpers title in Petaluma. Congratulations to Irene and Jamaica on another success!

 As reported by Beverly Morgan Lewis...

At the HumDOG CPE trial 8/16-17/2008, Puck Q'ed eight out of nine runs with seven First Place finishes to go High in Trial on Sunday and High in Trial overall for the weekend...With a nice cash prize to boot, the refund of our entry fees. What a happy surprise that was!!!!



A smiling Beverly, and a happily grinning Puck, too!

Congratulations to Beverly and Puck for such an outstanding weekend!

Upcoming Events

International Dog Shows:

Consider trying something different and entering an international dog show. They are usually fairly relaxed, and while the entry fees are sometimes a bit higher than for AKC events, the shows are usually structured so that you have the possibility of earning a title in just one weekend.

A unique feature of the international shows is that exhibitors receive a written critique of their dog. Also, since each dog is judged on its own merit as to its worthiness of being a champion, it is possible to earn a title even if another dog of the same breed is considered superior. A best of breed is chosen, but there are no winners dogs or bitches.

The next cluster of shows will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 27 and 28, at the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds in Antioch. Entries are \$31 per show and close on 9/18. Late entries are accepted until 9/25 at a fee of \$43 per show.

The judging panel will include AKC and Swedish judge Ms. Sylvia Hammarstrom of Skansen Kennel fame, Mrs. Honey Glendinning of Canada, and Mr. Mike Loller and Mrs. John Shoemaker of the U.S.A.

Some of the upcoming shows on the West Coast next year are scheduled for 1/12-13 in Santa Rosa; 2/16-17 in Enumclaw, WA; 4/5-6 in Silverado, CA; and 4/19-20 in Albany, OR.

For information, call IABCA (International All Breed Canine Association of America and Alle Rasse Gruppe) at 503-316-9860 in Salem, OR. Or visit www.iabca.com.

BARF Workshop:

Jack Sivak of Golden Girls Canine Health will be holding his next workshop on feeding raw food on Sunday, October 26, at the Humboldt Area Foundation on Indianola Road in Bayside. Registration fee is \$35. Contact Jack at 725-5628.

Seminar:

AN UPDATE ON THYROID DISEASE, VACCINE ISSUES, AND NUTRITION presented by Jean Dodds, DVM

Sponsored by the Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs, the seminar will be held February 7, 2009, in the Sacramento area . For information, contact Diana Smith at d8lan@pacbell.net



Angel, A Book Review, and An Obituary

I have struggled with writing a fitting obituary for Angel. She crossed the Rainbow Bridge in June. Then, in August I was flying back from a judging assignment. I had with me a copy of "The Last Will and Testament of an Extremely Distinguished Dog," by Eugene O'Neill. It had been in a raffle basket I won at the HumDOG CPE trial. It's a short and tender essay that had me blubbering and red-faced in my seat as the other boarding passengers passed me by, giving me looks of sympathy (and curiosity?). Of course, the tears were for Angel. So I decided I needed to write her story.

Angel was born without an anus; the puppy that wasn't supposed to survive. Surgically remedied, she remained with Canine Companions for Independence's Hearing Dog Program. But at 18 months she was demonstrating food aggression. (Imagine a dog that growls at a deaf person when its food is touched??!!??) Because I wanted a Corgi for Therapy Dogs, within 5 months of my first call, CCI called me back with Angel. With her I was able to continue in obedience, do more with Therapy Dogs, dabble with tracking, and had my first sheep herding experience. And we really got going in agility!

Angel and I (along with Cheryle Davis and Callie) competed at the 1999 Agility National Championship in Denver. Angel returned to compete in the Nationals in 2005 in Tampa, this time with Fern in tow. Angel was the first local agility trial champion, earning her NADAC NATCh in January 2001. She earned her AKC MACH at age 13, also in 2005. I think she is still the only local dog to have agility championships from more than one organization.

Since her passing, people have reminded me of many funny (and some not so funny) "Angel Stories." Like her cocked little head and her natural list to the left. Like the time she ate 120 tabs (480 doses) of the anti-inflammatory Rimadyl. The loaf of English muffins she ate when left alone with them in the car for a few minutes. As a house guest she ate a canister full of DARK chocolate-covered RAISINS, then puked them up all over our hostess's laundry room. Speaking of puking, the time she puked up cat poo at a HumDOG class, indoors of course! Or the time she carried a latte from the front seat to the back seat of the car (without spilling much at all) while I was unloading at an agility trial. Her best course time ever came later that day. And I remember the time she escaped a big-dog mauling and ran for her life. But when I caught up to where she had disappeared, she came to me out of hiding as soon as I called her, despite the ordeal she'd just been through.

Although she used to beat up her big sister, China, (88-pound Chessie) and her little sister, Fern, (creating Fern's "issues"), Angel was good to baby-boy Puck. At the end, as she struggled over every breath and could barely stand, Puck would lick her

all over until she would tell him, "That's enough." Angel, the puppy that was born without a pooper could sure be a butt. But she was my butt, and I miss her.

So read O'Neill's "The Last Will..." and have a good cry. You'll cry for every dog you've ever loved.

Whenever you visit my grave, say to yourselves with regret but also with happiness in your hearts at the remembrance of my long, happy life with you: 'Here lies one who loved us and whom we loved.' No matter how deep my sleep I shall hear you, and not all the power of death can keep my spirit from wagging a grateful tail.

The essay can be read in its entirety at www.eoneill.com/texts/blemie/contents.htm

Beverly Morgan Lewis



Angel
1992-2008

A DOG'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

(Author Unknown)



1. **My life is likely to last only 10-15 years. Please remember that any separation from you is likely to be painful.**
2. **Give me time to understand what you want of me.**
3. **Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.**
4. **Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.**
5. **Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.**
6. **Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.**
7. **Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet I choose not to bite you.**
8. **Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.**
9. **Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.**
10. **On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.**

Take a moment today to be thankful for your pets. Enjoy and take good care of them. Without them, life would be a much duller experience. We do not have to wait for Heaven in order to be surrounded by hope, love, and joyfulness every day. It is here on earth and has four legs

LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2008

Board Meeting: Called to order at 6:44 PM

In Attendance: Jill Otto, Patty Mendes, Nick Mendes, Chris Irvin, Michelle Dostal, Irene Hetrick

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved MSAC

Report of Treasurer: Given by Chris Irvin.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: 6:54 PM

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:03 PM

Roll Call: All of the above plus Deb St. Myers and Rose Kessler

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved MSAC

Report of President: Given by Jill Otto, thanking everyone for helping at the show and agility trial.

Report of Secretary: Given by Irene Hetrick. Two Judge's contracts received for next year's show. Old Eureka KC Code of Ethics forms handed out to all present for suggestions for revision.

Report of Treasurer: Given by Chris Irvin. Both the show and the agility trial made money this year.

Report of Committees:

- **Ring Practice:** Rose Kessler will be planning a ring practice for the future while the weather is still nice. Date unknown at this time.
- **Newsletter:** No report
- **Website:** No report, but everyone is urged to look at the site and let Jim Wasetis know if you have any suggestions.
- **2008 Conformation/Obedience Show:** Handling class will be taught by Doris Boyd after BIS on Sat. It will be free.
- **Recap/Job Descriptions/Thoughts/Suggestions for Next Year:** Everyone that had a specific job please write down what the job entails, and get it to either Jill Otto or Irene Hetrick. It was suggested to have NO dinner on Sat. but will be up to the club providing it. It was also suggested to have a city official hand out the trophy for BIS to promote good relations with them regarding dog legislation. More grass needs mowed for the parking area. Vicky Cook will be the show photographer. Judges are contracted for 2009. 2010 show will need an 8 am start time for Sunday due to fireworks that evening.
- **2008 Agility Trial:** Motion to spend up to \$1900 (ballpark figure) on agility equipment to replace what is borrowed. MSAC Will be voted on at next meeting for final approval. Club approval to send money to Sharon Kennedy and Clare Freeman for loaning their equipment to the club for the trial.
- **Recap/Job Descriptions/Thoughts/Suggestions for Next Year:** More toilet paper and paper towels; get keys for all holders.

New Member Applications: Cindy Harcharik from Trinidad, owned by an Australian Shepherd named Ginger. Approved MSAC Welcome Cindy!

Unfinished Business: Purchase of lattice, baby gates, matting, FAST flags. Approved MSAC Need 22 pieces of lattice for show gating, need 4 ten-foot baby gates, need 48' of 12' carpeting. FAST flags to be purchased from Beverly Morgan Lewis. We need to make more stabilizers for the baby gates.

Woofstock: Sept 7th. Chris Irvin will bring the table.

Farm Store Pet Fair: Sept 14th. Frame needed for breed poster. Rose Kessler will get one. Need AKC dog book. Irene Hetrick will order one.

Canine Donations: Tabled, but all members are encouraged to suggest places LCKC can donate money to.

Picnic/Scrapbook: Oct 8, 2008, Get Together Party at Big Louie's Pizza in Eureka. Will start around 6 pm. LCKC will pay for pizzas and nonalcoholic drinks.

Speaker for Sept meeting: Dr. Jan Green will not be able to be our speaker next month. Need ideas for speakers from the membership. Let Jill Otto know.

New Business: Patty Mendes requested the use of two canopies in Nov. for Nick's mother's birthday. Approved. The club to buy her a present. Patty Mendes will purchase something for her.

Adjournment: 9:05 PM