

The Lost Coast Howler



EDITOR - LAUREN WENDT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of my favorite poems is "Desiderata" by Max Ehrmann. It reveals many aspects of life, and one line stands out to me: "As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons." I predict that 2025 will present a whole complicated list of issues and concerns, and I will be referring to this poem often, I am sure.

It is time to gather together in fellowship for our ambitious year ahead. First, we have added a Spring Scent Work Trial in early May. July becomes our crazy and exhausting month of the All Breed Show, Farm Dog, Fetch, Rally and Obedience, Barn Hunt, and 2x-FastCAT. Then in September we have our Fall Scent Work Trial followed by our Membership Appreciation Picnic. Finally, we have our Holiday Party sometime before Christmas. This show season will have some heavy lifting for the number of volunteers we need. Be prepared to help. Especially, when asked. Better yet, reach out and ask what you can do.

We soldier on, volunteering at an astronomical rate of about 65% of the members coming out to help in some capacity. This is beyond phenomenal. I am asking for a lot this year. May we make our volunteer help reach the 75% goal?

There are two extra special positions coming open. Our All Breed and Agility chairs are preparing the club for their retirement in a year or two. Tina and Beverly Morgan Lewis are so willing to mentor the next incoming show chairs for these two events. Do we want a smooth transition or frantic chaos? We have choices to make.

This year, I am asking for members to volunteer for events, especially if they don't have a dog in that event. In return, people who received the help will come to your event and volunteer.

The club has invested in some new EZ-ups for our big events. These will help with speed and ease of set-up and take-down.

Board of Director Officers

Deb Lake
President

Patty Mendes
Vice President

Kris Smith
Secretary

Jill Otto
Treasurer

Members of the Board

Michelle Dostal
Dedra Tull
Kurt Pires

JOINS US!

JANUARY 21, 2025
BOARD MEETING 6:30PM
REGULAR MEETING 7:00PM
HELD VIA ZOOM
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!

President's message continued

Thank you, Emily Dalton, for your diligence as our outgoing newsletter editor. Welcome, Lauren Wendt, as our incoming editor for the Lost Coast Howler. The newsletter is the tie that binds.

I hope everyone will make time to attend the Zoom meeting January 21. Watch for the LCKC email with the link to sign in. Thank you, Beth, for setting us up for our Zoom meetings.

“And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.”

All my love,
Deb Lake, President



Letter from the Editor

(That's me)



Finding a dog community had me a bit worried when I moved back to Humboldt County in 2023. Having lived in Tacoma, WA for 11 years I was established in all sorts of working and sporting dog groups. Fast forward almost 18 months I am happy to report Humboldt has quite the dog sport community for our size and I found it! This is the first Kennel Club I have been a member of and I am impressed and inspired at the dedication of so many of our members.

I want to thank all of you who routinely submit content to for the newsletter (it will make my job easier). Ironically I have no background in writing, design or anything related to writing a newsletter. My background is in wildlife management (HSU alumni) and conservation law enforcement but I guess I wanted a challenge and to force my hand at learning something new, so here I am!

It goes without saying I am a dog person. I currently share my home with 3 Labradors and a Golden Retriever X Dutch Shepherd mix, plus my ever patient and supportive wife. I plunged into the dog world when I got my first lab in 2005 for waterfowl hunting and I never looked back. Since then I have done disaster search & rescue, agility, tracking/trailing, and for the last 8 years conservation detection professionally. I have had so many wonderful opportunities to travel across the US and to Africa working on some important conservation projects and working with and training many wonderful people and dogs.

I look forward to highlighting our club and its members, plus meeting many more of you and of course your dogs!

Please keep the newsletter submissions coming to lckcnews75@gmail.com.

Cheers,
Lauren, Benny, Finn, Goose and Wren



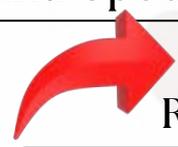
I WAS A GAME WARDEN FOR 11 YEARS



Announcements and Upcoming Events

Spring Scent Work Trial

May 3-4, 2025



[AKC EVENT LINK](#)



Round up the troops!



LCKC is holding our first Spring Scent Work Trial. Location: **Ridgewood Elementary, Eureka**

This trial will include ALL ELEMENTS & ALL LEVELS including Detective, both days!

Entries will **open on March 10 and close on April 16** (Daily limit 110 entries, detective 10 entries).

Get your entries in early!



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

To make this trial happen we need your help. Please contact Kimber Gradin kimbersk9s@gmail.com to learn more about volunteering!



Galgo Rescue + FIT Dog Walk

Saturday February 1, 11am - Klopp Lake Parking Lot

This will be the **4th year** that members of Lost Coast Kennel Club, along with other community members, will participate in World Galgo Day, which is commemorated every year on February 1st. To learn more about the story of the Galgo please visit <https://www.galgorescue.org/spanish-galgo>

On **Saturday, February 1st** (weather dependent) walk at the Arcata Marsh to end abuse of the Galgo Espanol in Spain. **Meet at 11am at the Klopp Lake Parking Lot.** A picture will be taken which will be posted around the world on social media. If the weather is very bad, we will take the photo then go someplace warm. This walk can also be used as a **group FIT Dog Walk.**

This event raises awareness and tells the Spanish Government to continue enforcing animal cruelty regulations which include galgos, podencos and other hunting breeds. Also encouraging the enactment of breeding laws to regulate overbreeding. An estimated 100,000 hunting dogs are disposed of every year.

The first Humboldt County, CA, USA Galgo Walk at Arcata Marsh in 2022 had 8 dogs and 6 people. Last year's walk had 31 dogs and 27 people. Can we set a new record in 2025?!

Please join us for lunch after the walk at El Chipotle Mexican Restaurant (850 Crescent Way) around 12 noon. For more information contact **Beth Rogers, feat.lckc@gmail.com**



Interested in FastCAT or Coursing?

To stay in the loop, please join the
group in the Telegram App
<https://t.me/+S4zC8lABOV5lNmNh>



See page 7 for the practice schedule!

REMINDER

2025 MEMBER DUES

Don't
Forget!

If paying your dues got lost in the holiday shuffle please get them in.

Individual: \$15
Household/family: \$25

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for payment method options.

NEXT BOARD & GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY JANUARY 21, 2025

Board meeting will begin at 6:30pm
General meeting will begin at 7:00pm
Meeting will be held via zoom.
Link will be sent out via the io group.

All members are welcome and encouraged to join!.

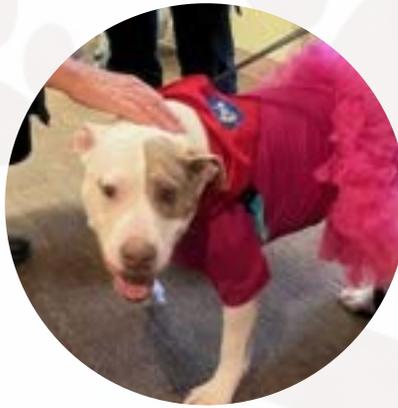


Member Brags, Accomplishments & Highlights



Jayne Weseloh & Cider

Cider took home a number of ribbons from his AKC confirmation championship. Congratulations on the accomplishment!



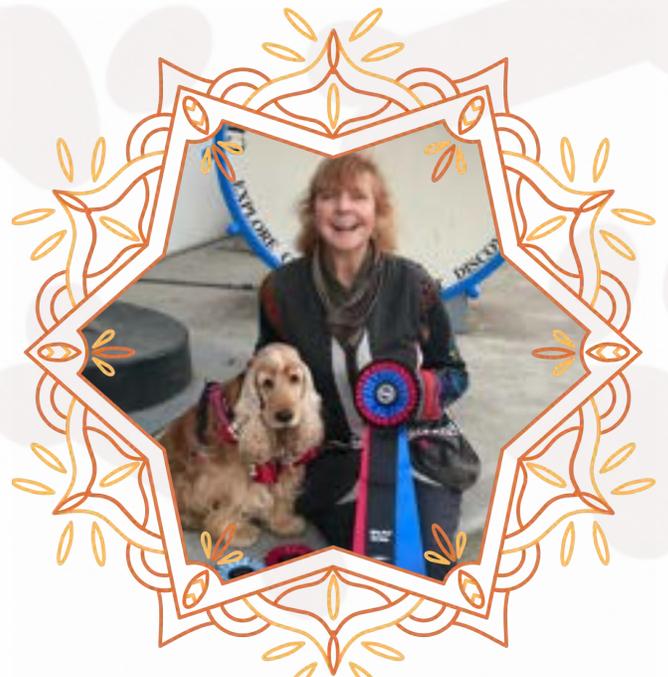
Marilyn Cottrell & Bayley

Marilyn and Bailey finished out 2024 with ever important visits to St. Joseph Providence Hospital. And since earning their Therapy Dog International certificate in late summer they have completed 10 visits to the hospital. And to top it off Bayley now has her AKC Therapy Dog Novice Title.



Suzi Martin & Mariah

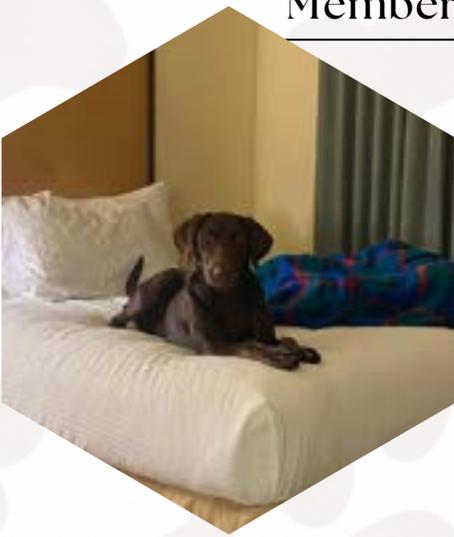
Mariah closed out 2024 with her Fetch Novice and CGC titles. Way to go Mariah (and Suzi). We can't wait for more accomplishments in 2025.



Deb St. Myers & Zing

In December Zing achieved her **ELITE Championship** Title in NACSW! Plus she earned 2nd overall in the trial AND a 1st and 2nd placement with 3 pronounced awards out of 4 searches. What an incredible accomplishment!

Member Brags, Accomplishments & Highlights



Stella Moore & Lark

In December Stella and Lark ventured to Petaluma for an NACSW odor recognition test and trial. This was Lark's first time staying in a hotel and she did great! To top it off, the next day Lark and Stella passed all of their searches with ease! In February they will be headed to an NW1 trial in Oregon. They are looking forward to lots more scent work in 2025 including our local trials!



Jeanne Sapunor & Otis B

The forever young 9 year old Goldendoodle Otis B, earned his AKC Therapy Dog Title in November. He has over 50+ visits at St. Joseph's Hospital, Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods, PACE in Fortuna and campus visits at College of the Redwoods and Cal Poly Humboldt. Otis enjoys the variety of hugs from clients and they get to enjoy his "Otis lean." Otis is looking forward to his human driving him to various practices and trials this coming Spring.



Laverne & Shirley

LCKC member Cassandra Smith stepped up when she learned of 2 standard poodles that needed a home after their owner passed away and had been living in a less than ideal situation. The word was put out through the club and through the power of community the poodles were connected with NorCal Poodle Rescue. Cassandra drove them to Lake County to transfer them to another volunteer who took them to Modesto and they are now in foster.

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LCKC Holiday Party



On January 4th the club held it's annual holiday party in Bayside at the Unitarian Fellowship Church. It was a great afternoon with great food, fun games, gifts and of course having the wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends and meet some new ones! This was a great way to kick off 2025!

We hope you join us for our next gathering!



April - August 2025 LCKC Practice Schedule

These are the tentative dates for planned practices, but there may be changes. Please so pay attention to the notices that come out before each practice day. Note that the times are not always the same.



Date	Location	Time	Activity
April			
13	Ferndale Fairgrounds, midway lawn	1 pm	Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work
27	Ferndale Fairgrounds, track	10 am (set up)	Fast CAT
	Ferndale Fairgrounds, midway lawn	1 pm	Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work
May			
11	Ferndale Fairgrounds, track	9 am (set up)	Fast CAT
		10 am	Fast CAT runs start
	Fairgrounds infield	Following Fast CAT	CAT course set up and runs
	Fairgrounds midway lawn	2 pm	Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work
18	Ferndale Fairgrounds, track	10 am (set up)	Fast CAT
		11 am	Fast CAT runs start
	Fairgrounds midway lawn	1 pm	Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work
June			
1	Ferndale Fairgrounds, track	10 am (set up)	Fast CAT
		11 am	Fast CAT runs start
	Fairgrounds midway lawn	1 pm	Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work
8	Ridgeway School	1 pm	Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work
15	Ferndale Fairgrounds, midway lawn	11 am	Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work
22	Ferndale Fairgrounds, track	10 am (set up)	Fast CAT
		11 am	Fast CAT runs start
	Fairgrounds midway lawn	1 pm	Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work
August			
9	Ridgewood School	Time TBA	Mock Scent Work Trial
24	Ridgewood School	Time TBA	Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work
October			
5	Ferndale Fairgrounds, track	10 am (set up)	Fast CAT
		11 am	Fast CAT runs start
	Fairgrounds midway lawn	1 pm	Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work



Minutes of the LCKC Annual Meeting November 19, 2024 held via zoom

The Board meeting was called to order by President Debra Lake at 6:33 p.m.

Present:

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

Non Board members: Sara Borok, Kim Gradin, Mike Lake, Tina Moulton, Sherry Pavlich, Kurt Pires, Beth Rogers, Lauren Wendt, Cathy Wright.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the October 15, 2024, Board meeting were approved as published. (Patty/Jill)

Report of the Treasurer: Jill went over the attached Treasurer's Report from September and October. Approximate event nets to date: Agility \$12,000, Farm Dog - \$1188, Fast CAT (both) – \$10,339, Shows and Merch - \$2500, Obedience in Anderson - \$566, Scent Work - \$5600. Still some questions about Barn Hunt. Jill and Andrea will file all returns as both 501.c4 and c7 until the confusion about our status is worked out. There was a question about Scent Work expenses – will go back and look. MSAC to approve the Treasurer's report (Deb T/Michelle).

Unfinished Business:

- Upgrade of canopies – This has been approved. Marilyn will send Jill a link to order 2 Vantage EZ Up 10 x 20 canopies on Black Friday sale at Amazon.
- Annual Donations – Board will recommend to membership to do the same donations as last year, with some changes possible from member suggestions.
- Holiday Party and AKC Reunite Trailer moved to the Regular Meeting.

New Business:

- Tie-dye supplies – The Board approved spending up to \$600 on supplies needed for our tie-dyed clothing merchandise. Sara needs feedback on what clothing we need.
- Spring Scent Work Trial – Proposal from Kim, Cathy, and Jill to hold a Scent Work Trial, probably May 10/11 (Mothers Day), maybe at Ridgewood School. Looking at judges now. Will require cancelling May 11 practices. Question asked if it will bring in enough entries to cover two judges – yes, based on low venue cost and projected numbers. **MSAC (Patty/Marilyn) to recommend to the membership that we hold a Scent Work Trial on May 10/11.**

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING:

The Regular meeting was called to order by President Debra Lake at 7:11 pm.

Present: All of the above plus Janeann Erickson, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Suzi Martin.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the October 15, 2024, Regular meeting were approved as published (Jill/Mike).

Report of the President: Deb Lake said she looks forward to the new year as President, feels the club is a co-operative group, and she is looking forward to working with the new Board.

Report of the Secretary: No significant mail. Donation requests from organizations we have been donating to, AKC CHF request for membership.

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Report of the Treasurer: Jill went over the attached Treasurer's Report. See Board minutes.

Report of Committees:

PRACTICES

Kris said practice dates are confirmed with the HCF, will post final dates on the io group. She said the person at the HCF office (Shanna) did not see our event dates on their calendar, so they went over the dates for our two big cluster events. An event chair meeting with the Fair needs to happen. Patty said we may have to talk to a Board member. Discussion of pricing of venues.

B-OB SHOWS/RALLY/Fast CAT 2025:

Shows: Tina said we need a groundsperson, vendor chair, and hospitality chair – the event won't happen without them. We still are working on one more judge. Currently have two sets that are couples. Cathy will co-chair and do trophies. Applications go in after the first of the year. Discussion of including the membership in deciding the judges. The people doing it now don't think it would be practical to have to consult the group on every step. Kris can run potential choices by people who tell her they would like to know. Tina will need a co-chair to train to take over in the future. There is an AKC workshop, Show Chair 101, in December. Maybe a watch party?

Rally/Obedience: Michelle said she is in the process of contacting judges.

Fast CAT: Deb T said nothing new at this time.

Farm Dog : We have judges.

AGILITY, BARN HUNT, Fast CAT 2025:

Agility: Beverly ML said she needs someone to co-chair with her over the next two years, as she is stepping down after two more years. She has judges for 2025.

Fast CAT: Nothing at this time.

Barn Hunt: Mike said he will be contacting Crystal at Sunnyside Dog Sports soon.

SCENT WORK TRIALS 2025 (Labor Day weekend August 30 – Sep 1):

Marilyn said the SW Committee has had one meeting and are getting organized. They have four judges, a Secretary, a site, and a contract. Next meeting, Dec 11.

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION PICNIC: September 27, 2025, Rohner Park, Bartow Field, Fortuna, same place, same fun!

FIT DOG – Kimber said they had a nice walk on Nov 2 from the Humboldt Hill exit trail access. Nothing else is planned right now. Beth said the annual Galgo Awareness walk is Feb 1 at the Arcata Marsh – representing Humboldt County in this international event.

NEWSLETTER: Coming out next week. Emily is handing it over to Lauren next year. (thank you!).

WEBSITE: Tina said she will add Spring Scent Work Trial.

CHAT GROUP: Almost everybody has joined.

MEMBERSHIP: Dues are DUE! There is a notice in the newsletter, on the io group, and there will be individual emails in January to those who have not rejoined. Links to PayPal on Website, Members page.

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BYLAWS: Reestablished Committee – Kris Jill, Deb L, Cathy.

Election of Officers and Directors for 2025

There are no offices with more than one nominee, so the slate presented by the Nominating Committee was approved by acclamation:

President – Debra Lake

Vice President – Patty Mendes

Treasurer – Jill Otto

Secretary – Kris Smith

Board members – Michelle Dostal, Kurt Pires, Debra Tull

Welcome, Kurt! Many thanks to outgoing Board member Marilyn Cottrell.

Election of New Members: none

Unfinished Business:

- Holiday Party – Jill said we couldn't find a December date due to conflicts, so the party will be on January 4, 2025 at the Unitarian Fellowship center in Arcata. The invitation is going out, please RSVP to Jill. Club will do ham, drinks, the rest is potluck. There will be the traditional gift exchange. Cathy and Tina will organize games. Please come!
- Annual Donations - **MSAC (Mike/Cathy) to make the following donations for 2024:**

Humboldt County Fairgrounds (to be done in the spring in time for Fair sponsorship) - **\$500**

HumDOG (Spay Neuter Fund) - **\$1000**

Hospice of Humboldt (Peace of Mind) - **\$500**

Guide Dogs for the Blind (Humboldt Co puppy raisers) - **\$500**

Friends for Life - **\$500**

Redwood Pals Rescue - **\$500**

Adding Redwood Pals because it is a good 501.c3 and local. Jill will make sure we renew our CHF membership.

- AKC Reunite Trailer – Michelle said Humboldt County Rescue Team is still setting up meetings and organizing. They are pursuing getting their own trailer with a grant. Maybe later for an AKC trailer. Michelle will become a member and report back to the club.

New Business:

Spring Scent Work Trials – The Board is recommending approval for a May 10/11 Scent Work Trial weekend at Ridgewood School, two days, all elements, will make an opportunity for locals who don't travel. Chair – Kim Gradin. Needs AKC approval ASAP. MSAC (Patty/Tina) to approve LCKC offering a weekend of Scent Work Trials in May.

Announcements:

- The Lakes will start their Barn Hunt practices (not LCKC sponsored) in April, on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- Deb L is a new therapy dog evaluator for TDI. Contact her if you want your dog tested.
- Beth said there is an online show chair training via AKC in December, will help to understand the process.
- HumDOG Dog Expo is on March 2, 2025. Save the date. Redwood Acres.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary