

# THE LOST COAST HOWLER



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I just got home from 10 days in St. Louis MO at the MASCUSA National Show. Garbo placed 1st in FAST agility. Then she went on to make her own courses in Jumpers and Standard agility. She finished her Advanced Title in Scent work. Libby Q'd in everything I had her entered.

I averaged 4 to 7 miles a day darting around the makeshift agility, disc dog, breed ring, Fetch, and scent work at the Equestrian Center. Herding and FastCAT were off site. This was the result of having to relocate the show from Purina Farms in just 7 days as the result of a tornado damaging it.

The hard work and heart of all the chairpersons was impressive. They got it done. I traveled and had a VRBO with friends. That made things really nice.

I had the thrill of my life to judge some of the National UpDog event. I earned my Advanced judge license about 6 months ago. Beverly Change and I put on the FETCH trial. We both judged.

There is a whole special feel to a National Event. I made new friends and hugged many old ones.

On a local note, LCKC's Spring Scent Trial is just around the corner in early May. It will be a fun event. I am proud of our club and Kim Roper Gradin for making this event come true.

The details of the July shows are still being worked out. I will see you all at the meeting next week.

**Deb Lake**  
LCKC President



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### JOINS US!

**APRIL 15, 2025**  
BOARD MEETING 6:30PM  
REGULAR MEETING 7:00PM  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!

Wow, this past month has flown by! With some ups and downs!



As I continue settling into my role as editor of *The Lost Coast Howler* and learning just what that actually entails (it turns out “editor” doesn’t come with a one-size-fits-all definition!), I want to genuinely thank those of you who have shared your feedback with me. Your support and insights have already made a big impact.

In my first issue, I mentioned that writing and visual creativity haven’t been a natural strength. But I do love pushing myself to try new things and step outside of my comfort zone—because that’s where growth happens. I truly believe these kinds of experiences help keep us mentally flexible, open to change, and ready for whatever life throws our way (or occasionally hurls at us!).

Often receiving feedback can feel a little intimidating, especially because it requires us to be vulnerable and open to change. But when it’s delivered with care and purpose, feedback can be one of the most valuable tools we have for growth. (Trust me I do tie this into dogs) I’ve been in many positions that require me to give feedback to someone that I am training, coaching or mentoring and I’ve come to believe quality feedback is comprised of (at minimum) the following:

- Timely – The sooner it’s given, the easier it is to connect it with the moment and make meaningful improvements.
- Specific – It highlights exactly what went well and what could be improved, rather than vague impressions.
- Actionable – It includes clear suggestions or next steps that help guide future actions.
- Positive – It’s delivered with kindness and the intent to uplift, not tear down.
- Goal-Oriented – It helps connect current actions to larger goals or objectives.
- Compassionate – It’s rooted in empathy and the genuine desire to help someone grow.

High-quality feedback really is worth its weight in gold.

Now, how does this all tie into dogs?

I recently attended a four-day workshop focused on detection and tracking training. Even with years of experience in both areas, one important theme came up again and again: Are we giving our dogs valuable, productive feedback? And if not—how can we do better?

Often, when we run into training challenges, it’s not because the dog is intentionally being difficult, but because we haven’t communicated clearly. Our feedback might be delayed, confusing, or not suited to the dog’s current level of understanding. And even though our dogs don’t speak our language, we can create a shared language—through consistent cues, clear expectations, and a strong reward system.

At the workshop, a huge focus was placed on engagement, reward motivation, and communicating to our dogs when they've nailed the behavior we're looking for. When that foundation is solid, everything else—training, problem-solving, progress—becomes so much smoother.

So next time your dog isn't responding the way you hoped, pause for a moment and ask yourself:

- Have I built a clear communication system with my dog?
- Is my feedback timely, fair, and appropriate for where they're at right now?

When we offer our dogs—and each other—feedback that is thoughtful, kind, and clear, we create opportunities for everyone to grow and succeed (and for some of us that leads to earning more ribbons and titles). I know I deeply appreciate feedback that helps me grow, and I imagine our dogs feel the same in their own way.

So let's keep supporting one another and our dogs. Let's continue offering quality feedback that helps each other learn, improve, and thrive—because when we lift each other up, we all get better.

And please, keep the feedback coming! It's helping me shape *The Lost Coast Howler* into something better with each issue, that highlights our members' growth and accomplishments, and I'm grateful for your help along the way!

Cheers,

**Lauren Wendt**

LCKC Newsletter Editor



Providing feedback to anti-poaching K9 handlers in Africa

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## Clarification on Newsletter Content

During the March board meeting there was a discussion regarding advertising by members for goods and services wanted or offered. There was a discussion of old policies, which are now outdated because of different forms of communication. It was pointed out that paid ads would raise a tax issue. It was agreed that the I.o group is appropriate for members to share goods and services but not appropriate for the newsletter. The board determined that a policy should say that announcements of upcoming dog-related events is acceptable for the newsletter including be all LCKC events plus local events hosted by organizations. Listings from other organizations should be submitted from someone from that organization and is not the duty of the newsletter editor to solicit them.

**Please submit your newsletter content to [LCKCnews75@gmail.com](mailto:LCKCnews75@gmail.com) with "newsletter content" in the subject line.**



## NEXT BOARD & GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 15, 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!

## Spring Scent Work Trial: May 3-4, 2025

LCKC is looking for **new or gently used items** for our volunteer drawing.

Small sized items can be brought to the LCKC practice day on April 13 at the Ferndale Fairgrounds. Or brought to the scent work trial the evening of May 2 (after 5pm) or the morning of May 3.

Items can be scent work, general dog or non-dog related!

For other drop off option please contact Lauren Wendt via email,  
Lauren@momentumk9training.com



We will need many hands for set up on Friday May 2 starting at 5pm and take down on the afternoon of Sunday May 4.

**Ridgewood Elementary in Eureka**

First LCKC Practice of the Year! Time to brush off the cobwebs!

Sunday April 13, 1pm

Confirmation, Obedience (with equipment), Rally and Scent Work (mock trial)

Watch the I.o. group for final details.

Meet at 1 p.m. on the midway lawns in front of the Hindley building at the Ferndale fairgrounds. There will be a donation jar, and **new waivers for everyone to sign.**

**These are not official lessons** – we help each other. **Please come prepared to help in some way** – come early to help set up, and help others who are learning.

Next practice will be April 27 and will include Fast CAT.



Are you interested in learning and practicing Barn Hunt?  
Well... here's a special opportunity!!!

LCKC is offering Barn Hunt practices beginning mid-May to mid-July. All that's needed is to **let Susan Hutchison know** if you are interested and would like to participate. Practices will be on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please arrive a bit early to set up. Please bring a crate, chair, shade cloth, treats, water bowl and poop bags. Also, let her know your day of preference. **Susan can be reached via email: [sahutchison1938@gmail.com](mailto:sahutchison1938@gmail.com)**

Space is limited to 8 participants with their dogs, so send your request! Also, there will be a donation jar at each practice to help pay for rats, rat food, bedding material and hay bales (2 tunnels are planned).

Submitted by Susan Hutchinson



## Interested in FastCAT or Coursing?

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

*By joining the telegram group you are agreeing to volunteer/help at Fast CAT events in July*

### Date change!

The Membership Appreciation Picnic will be held on

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

at Rohner Park, Bartow field in Fortuna



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CGC FITG

Zip achieved her FITDOG  
Gold Title in March. At over 14  
years of age this will likely be  
her last AKC title. Thanks for  
all the good times Zip. You  
are a superstar.

Submitted by Beth Rogers



Cider has been training for  
Treibball (Try-ball) since  
January and thoroughly  
enjoys it. Pushing the ball is  
his favorite exercise! Treibball  
is "urban herding" where dogs  
herd large exercise balls into  
a goal, guided by their  
handlers.

At the barn hunt in Anderson  
in March, Cider earned his  
Crazy 8s Bronze title and a  
second leg towards his  
Masters title.

Submitted by Jamie Weseloh



CH Aqueus Send In The Cavalry RA BCAT  
WC DJ FTI (Charge) earned his Fetch Dog  
Novice and Intermediate titles at the  
Anderson, CA show on March 15th. He also  
earned his first JH pass at the Marin  
Retriever Club hunt test in Corning, CA on  
March 22nd!

Submitted by Roxanne Howe



Zuzu  
(St.Rock's Vive A'Gata NA, NAJ,  
NF, SWA, SIE, SCE, SEE, TKN,  
RATN, NW 3,)

Earned her first breed  
champion points at the  
Anderson show.

Submitted by Debra St. Myers



Day 2 both girls earned their  
Intermediate Fetch titles.  
Libby scored 100 out of 100 in  
Advanced Rally, with Garbo  
scoring 99 in Advanced Rally.



Libby 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 12-15  
month puppy bred by in the  
National Sweepstakes.



Gardo 4<sup>th</sup> place in the 7UP Disc  
Dog. Deb got to judge some of  
the Nationals Disc Dog. Erin  
Scoog and Andrew Strovers  
presenting.

Submitted by Deb Lake

It's not a bird, not a plane, but PUPPIES! We are happy to announce Jenna (Brassfire's When Calls The Heart to Jenna EPT TKE RATO SWN SCA SEA SIA CGCU FDC DCAT XF SHDN AO FITG) is pregnant and puppies are due April 12, 2025. The sire is Firemark For All The Right Rieslings MH38 WCX. K9data.com has all the information about both dogs. Of course, if you or know of anyone interested in a great line of Golden Retrievers, please contact Susan Hutchinson.

Submitted by Susan Hutchinson



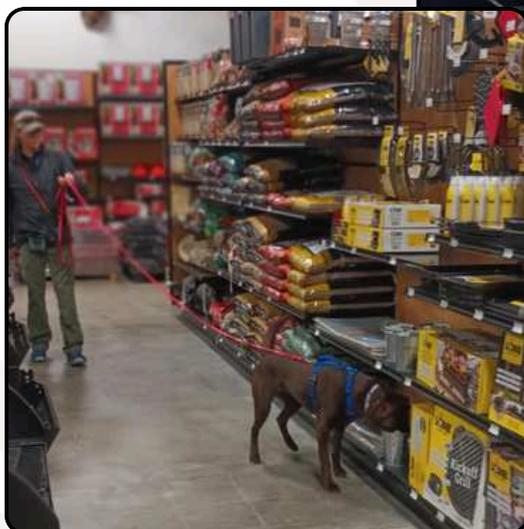
Jenna

Ries



Kimber Grandin (with Solveig) and Lauren Wendt (with Finn and Goose) met for an afternoon of practice for the upcoming scent work trial. The employees were very happy to watch the dogs searching!

Submitted by Lauren Wendt



# April - August 2025 LCKC Practice Schedule

**APRIL 2025**

These are the tentative dates for planned practices, but there may be changes. Please pay attention to the notices that come out via the I.o. group before each practice day.

Note that the times are not always the same.

Date	Location	Time	Activity
<b>April</b>			
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
<b>May</b>			
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
<b>June</b>			
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	Ridgewood 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
<b>August</b>			
9	Ridgewood School	Time TBA	Mock Scent Work Trial
24	Ridgewood School	Time TBA	Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work
<b>October</b>			
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

