

THE LOST COAST HOWLER



EDITOR - LAUREN WENDT



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have been challenged to find not only a location we can afford, but to find a succeeding All Breed Show Chair. As we know, Tina Moulton is willing to mentor a new show chair for 2025 and 2026.

Since our last meeting, your board has been busy pulling together short notice in-person meetings with the Humboldt Co. Fair regarding our 2026 show year.

I wanted to let you know about the status of the show and chairs. Fortunately, the Fair wants to keep us, and will work with the offer that we presented, which was just about half of what they wanted, so the show is alive.

We had a Board meeting two nights after the last Regular meeting to put together our offer in preparation for Jill and Kurt's meeting with the Fair. During the meeting, it became obvious that it would be a huge added complication to try to work with Kathy and Cyndi as remote chairs, especially with frequent on-site meetings with the Fair. I am forever grateful to them to offer to step forward in our time of need.

Patty Mendes and Kurt Pires stepped up to be Tina's local assistants this year and next, to train for the future. Kurt is a tech guy. He'll be a quick study for the AKC interactions. The premium is open for the All-Breed Show.

The same goes for the Agility Cluster. Beverly Morgan Lewis has a committee formed to help with this and next year's events. The financial burden of the Humboldt County Fair costs is not as large as the All-Breed Show. Things look very good for this event.

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JOINS US!
MAY 20, 2025
BOARD MEETING 6:30PM
REGULAR MEETING 7:00PM
HELD VIA ZOOM

Who knows what the future will hold, but we're good for now. So that's where we are.

The Spring Scent Work trial has been put to bed. The trial filled very early with a wait list.

Our judges were fun and made the various elements interesting and challenging. This was a great opportunity for the local folks who don't travel to get some time at a trial.

I saw great sportsmanship and fellowship among attendees. Congratulations to the High in Trial teams. I am so proud of you. Thank you, Kim Gradin, for pursuing a dream. We appreciate your hard work.



Happy Spring everyone,

Deb Lake

LCKC President

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Like our President and many others, I have to say – our Spring scent work trial was fantastic! I truly hope it becomes an annual event. A huge thank you to Kim Gradin and the entire committee who dedicated countless hours to making it such a success. Your efforts are very appreciated!

Despite the cool temperatures and that ever-present wind (so much wind!), the weekend was filled with smiles. Some of my favorite moments were seeing so many people celebrate their dogs after each search – whether or not they “Q’d.” I even saw one person moved to joyful tears at how well their dog did at their very first scent work trial. Moments like those remind us what this dog sport (and others) is really all about: connection, teamwork, and joy.

And while we're already looking forward to the fall scent work trial – I know I certainly am – we have many more practices and events between now and then. There's been a lot of discussion in recent months surrounding the future of some of these events, and I want to acknowledge the hard work our board and members are doing behind the scenes to help our club continue to grow and thrive, even in the face of some unexpected challenges. I truly appreciate everyone's dedication.

Lately, I've been thinking a lot about how we can bring new folks into our club – attracting new members, especially younger ones (no offense, as I'm well aware I've passed the “over the hill” mark myself!). One way is by helping people discover the incredible activities they can enjoy with

their dogs, no matter the breed. Adding the spring scent work trial was a fantastic step in that direction. Scent work is such an approachable, rewarding sport – it doesn't require much-specialized equipment, there are local trainers ready to help newcomers, and a wealth of online resources to guide them.

If you know someone who might be interested in dog sports, conformation, or just looking for a fun, meaningful way to bond with their dog, please share our newsletter or invite them to an event. There are likely so many people out there who don't yet know we exist – or how much our community could enrich their lives and their dogs' lives.

And speaking of enrichment, I'd love to invite **YOU**, our members, to contribute more enriching content for our monthly newsletter! If you're the proud owner of a unique breed, participate in an unusual dog sport, have a meaningful story to share about your journey with your dog(s), or are part of an event committee and can offer some behind-the-scenes insight – I'd love to hear from you. We have some exceptionally experienced and talented members, and I know you've got stories worth sharing. Please send your content to LKCKnews75@gmail.com – I look forward to reading (and sharing!) your contributions.

**CHEERS,
LAUREN WENDT
LCKC NEWSLETTER EDITOR**



Newsletter Content Policy

The primary function of the monthly LCKC newsletter is to keep members informed about club activities and issues. In addition, it can include member "brags" (stories and pictures of members' dog-related activities and accomplishments) and informative or entertaining dog-related articles. A calendar of events should include all LCKC events and activities, and can also have events hosted by other local dog-related groups. Non-LCKC event information should be submitted by a person related to the group hosting the event; LCKC is not expected to research and include all non-club events. Listings for non-club events should include event, host, location, time, brief description of the event, contact information.

The LCKC newsletter will not accept any form of advertisement for goods or services. For example, an educational article describing a training method which has a club member practitioner is acceptable, but not an advertisement for that trainer. The club administers an email chat group in which members can announce their services, put goods up for sale, ask about goods they are wanting to buy, etc. For this type of announcement, members are asked to use that site rather than the newsletter. Such announcements are also permitted at the end of the monthly club meetings.



NEXT BOARD & GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY MAY 20, 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!

On **Sunday, May 18th**, Sarah Schroer DVM will present "Overheating in Dogs" to interested Lost Coast Kennel Club members. **Meet on the east grandstand lawn 10ish.** Thank you Sarah.

Dr. Schroer began her career as a veterinarian at Ferndale Veterinary in 2003. Four years later, she moved to Sonoma County and spent 10 years working in both large animal and small animal practices. She eventually returned to Humboldt County, where she is very happy to get back to both small-town life and mixed animal practice.



Dr. Schroer spends much of her free time exploring backroads and trails on her bicycle. She shares her home with a feisty orange cat named Ginger.

Help keep your Arcata Marsh beautiful for all to enjoy with Humboldt Pet Supply's Marsh Clean-Up on **May 18th!**

Come by Humboldt Pet Supply (145 G St Arcata) between **10am-1pm**. We'll outfit you with all the clean-up supplies you'll need, plus fuel you up with

FREE Kinetic coffee and donuts!

You'll then head to the Marsh to clean up trash and pet waste at your leisure. Reconvene at HPS to weigh all the waste and receive a gift bag for participating! Plus, **the person with the most waste picked up will win a grand prize!** No pre-registration necessary. Bring your friends & family - all ages welcome, on two legs or four!



LCKC Membership Appreciation Picnic 2025

Our event season is quickly approaching. Here is some information for you to file away for later, after our busy time.

The picnic is **Sunday, September 28 th at Rohner Park in Fortuna.**

We get to have fun then. We get to party with our dogs and their people. We get to celebrate our successes with others who are celebrating theirs. We get to enjoy the magic in being a part of this fantastic organization.

Here are some activities you can expect at our Appreciation Picnic.

Goodie Bags: Jill Otto is putting those together. She can use help with those. As long as you don't eat too much candy! Call Jill to volunteer.

Set up/take down: 3 people needed to take charge. Call Beth to volunteer or for more information.

Membership Appreciation Drawing: Sara Borok and Beverly Chang. Contact one of them to donate something. No ugly sweaters please.

Egg race: Need two people to manage the activity. We will use plastic eggs to avoid the mess and waste of the dropped eggs. Contact Beth to volunteer.

Achievement Circle: Cathy Wright. Bring your ribbons medals and trophies to show off. You and your dog deserve it.

Food: Deb and Mike Lake. Yum!

Team Challenge: Beth Rogers, Kim Gradin, Kris Smith. We need one timer and two helpers. Call Beth.

Below is a photo that will give you a hint about the challenge. (extra hint: distance).

Cheers, Beth



Fall Scent Work Trial Entries Open **JUNE 5th!**

Here is a LINK to the premium

Trial Dates are August 30, 31 and September 1, 2025
Cutten Elementary School 4182 Walnut Drive, Eureka, CA 95503



New comers are encouraged to give it a try.
Help & instruction available to all.
Fun for humans and dogs 😊

For more information visit
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/509928632356196>

July 12th thru July 19th : Humboldt County Animal Shelter 980 Lycoming rd. McKinleyville

August 2nd thru August 9th : Gene Lucas Community Center 3000 Newburg rd. Fortuna



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*

Lark and I had a great time at the recent scent work trial! We got Qs on all 6 of our runs with 1 second place, 2 third places, and 3 fourth places. So proud of her! It was great to see the turnout of local people for scent work. Thanks to everyone who made this trial happen. Your hard work is so appreciated! Looking forward to the next one already.

Submitted by Stella Moore



Avalon's Chuffed To Bitz CGCA TKP FITB earned her CGC, CGCA, TKN, TKI, TKA, and TKP in the last two months. Many thanks to HumDOG and Susan Hutchison, along with Kiyomi and various other HumDog helpers for their help and encouragement! Bitz will turn two years old on May 24th.

Submitted by Cassie Lock



Janeann Erickson's Border Collie Davy earned his FCAT7 in Lodi in April.

Brasa running toward her FCAT2 at the Shasta Kennel Club last March. Hopefully she will achieve that title at our July Tests. This is a dog you have to push out the door in the rain. But put a trash bunny in front of her then let the splashing begin!

Submitted by Beth Rogers



Photo by Susan Goldman Photography



Garbo-aka-Fairy Tail Farms Red Riding Hood CD RM HT FDC NA NAJ OAP OJP XFP FCAT2 SWA SCE DDG CGCA CGCU TKP FITG FTN

Has earned the title of Unobtanium in 2 Disc Dog sports, Frizgility and 4 Way Play. This is the top title in the events of this sport.

Submitted by Deb Lake



Thanks to Savage Photos for some amazing pictures ! Check out all the photos from the trial @savage.photos.2024 on Facebook



Submitted by Deb St. Myers

We all had an unforgettable set of memories at our last May ScentWork trials. Miss Zing had some very lovely searches which earned us many First placements in Elite Masters and Elite Excellent and on the final day the ultimate first and only Detective Dog to qualify in the class. It was that darned 10 feet up Tree hide that gave all of us the trouble. She was the only dog to find this hide.

I swore I would NEVER call another tree hide again, being burned three times in the past with this Zing with Squirrels being her weakness. But there I was standing in 40 mile an hour wind gusts and three huge heat pump fans blowing from the other direction. Zingy giving me everything she had to say “It’s up there Mom now give me my cookie” I called it and nearly fell on the ground with glee when the word “Yes” came out of Judge Roy’s mouth.

Zing Finished her last Elite Master Buried title and overall Master Elite title that day. Zuzu earned her over all Excellent title and gathered several master legs with one being her first interior master leg. We are developing into a very nice team together in several venues.



photo taken by Terry Tuttle
 Zuzu is now also running in Excellent Standard in Agility and Master Fast with the darned Open Jumpers class giving us the usual jolly good “Well maybe next time”run for our experience building.

May - August 2025 LCKC Practice Schedule

MAY 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
May			
18	Ferndale Fairgrounds, track	9 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	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
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