

THE LOST COAST HOWLER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Reflections & Forward Momentum

Dear Members of the Lost Coast Kennel Club,

As another month draws to a close and we find ourselves at the threshold of a new one, I am filled with tremendous pride and gratitude for the vibrant, dedicated community we have fostered within the Lost Coast Kennel Club. Our collective passion for dogs, learning, and camaraderie continues to inspire me daily, and I am honored to serve as your President.

Celebrating Our Recent Achievements

First and foremost, let us take a moment to recognize the successes of the past month. The recent All Breed, Temperament Test, FCAT and Rally/obedience trials held at the Ferndale fair grounds were a testament to the hard work and dedication of not only our canine partners, but also to you—the handlers, volunteers, and supporters who make these events possible. I am continually awed by the generosity of spirit displayed by our members, whether through volunteering, mentoring newcomers, or simply cheering on participants from the sidelines.

A special thank you goes out to all who helped organize, set up, and clean up after our events. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Without your hands and hearts, the Lost Coast Kennel Club could not deliver the high-caliber events we have become known for in our region.

Additionally, congratulations to the teams who achieved new personal bests, titles, and even those who simply navigated the ring with poise and joy. Remember, every step in the ring is an accomplishment, and every experience shared with our dogs is a memory to cherish.

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JOINS US!
JULY 15, 2025
BOARD MEETING 6:30PM
REGULAR MEETING 7:00PM
HELD VIA ZOOM

Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars

Looking ahead, we have a host of exciting opportunities on the horizon. Our annual Agility Trial is just days away, and I encourage everyone to participate, whether you are running your dog, stewarding, or coming to support fellow members. We are also holding our Barn Hunt, open to all levels, which promises to be both educational and fun for handlers and dogs alike. FCAT is offering to take the zoomies out of any dog.

For those who are interested in giving back to our community, please watch for sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities. These include roles such as hospitality, parking, ring stewards, and setup/cleanup crews. The success of our events depends on many willing hands, and volunteering is also a wonderful way to meet new friends and deepen your connection with the club.

Building Community: Celebrating Our Volunteers

Our club is only as strong as the people who comprise it. This past month, I have been particularly grateful for the spirit of collaboration and mutual support that defines us. Whether it's helping a newcomer read a premium list, lending a grooming tool, or simply offering a listening ear after a tough run, these acts of kindness reinforce the foundation of our club.

I would like to take this opportunity to spotlight our junior members as well. Their enthusiasm and willingness to learn from experienced handlers is heartwarming, and it ensures that the traditions and values of the club will be carried on into the future.

Let's continue to welcome new members and encourage them to get involved. If you see someone new at an event or meeting, please take a moment to say hello and offer to answer any questions. Our club's friendly atmosphere is one of our most valuable assets.

Education and Outreach

One of our club's ongoing goals is to promote responsible dog ownership and breed education in our community. This month, several members participated in outreach events at local schools and retirement communities, sharing the joys and responsibilities of living with dogs. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and I encourage anyone interested in participating in future outreach programs to reach out to our Education Committee.

Remember, every time we demonstrate the bond we share with our canine companions, we are ambassadors not only for our breeds but also for our sport and club.

Celebrating Our Dogs

Of course, at the heart of everything we do is our love for dogs. Whether your dog is a seasoned champion or a beloved companion, they enrich our lives in immeasurable ways. This month, I was moved by stories from several members about the challenges and triumphs they've faced with their dogs—be it overcoming a fear in the ring, achieving a new trick at home, or seeing their dog comfort a neighbor. Each story is a reminder of the remarkable partnership we are privileged to share.

Please continue to share your stories, photos, and milestones in our newsletter and on our social media pages. They bring us closer together and inspire us all.



Health and Wellness

As summer approaches, a friendly reminder to stay vigilant about our dogs' health and safety. The warmer months bring new considerations, such as heatstroke, and parasites. Please remember to ensure your dogs have access to fresh water, shade, and never leave them in parked vehicles. If you need advice on summer safety or have tips to share, let's keep the conversation going in our upcoming meetings and newsletters.

Looking to the Future

As we move forward, I encourage each of you to reflect on what the club means to you and how you might like to become more involved. Are there new activities or seminars you would like to see? Do you have ideas for community outreach or fundraising? Your input is invaluable. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any board member with your thoughts.

We are always striving to improve and evolve, and your voice matters.

In Closing

In these times—when so much in the world can feel uncertain—our community remains a beacon of joy, purpose, and companionship. I am deeply grateful for each member of the Lost Coast Kennel Club, for your dedication to our dogs, our sport, and each other. Let's continue to celebrate our successes, learn from our challenges, and support one another as we move forward together.

Thank you for your continued commitment and enthusiasm. Let's make the coming month one filled with laughter, learning, and extraordinary moments—both in and out of the ring.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Deb Lake
President, Lost Coast Kennel Club



Letter from the Editor

Umwelt (pronounced oom-velt) is the beautifully unique and subjective world that every organism experiences—shaped by its own sensory and cognitive abilities. Coined by German biologist Jakob von Uexküll in the early 20th century, this concept reminds us that no two species—sometimes not even two individuals—perceive the world in quite the same way.

Having just returned from the Animal Behavior Society conference in Baltimore, this idea is fresh in my mind. From the intricate olfactory abilities of bumble bees, to regional dialects in bird song, to the evolutionary arms race between bats and moths, and of course, our endlessly fascinating dogs—this research continues to deepen my appreciation for the richness of other animals' experiences.



Columbia-Frederick

THU, JULY 10TH
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

PLENARY/SYMPOSIUM

WHAT THE NOSE KNOWS: SUCCESSSES, CHALLENGES, AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF CONSERVATION DETECTION DOGS (1)

9:30	<i>Using dogs to detect invasive zebra mussel veligers (<i>Dreissena polymorpha</i>) in environmental samples</i> Nathaniel Hall, Ashley Whitehead, Kaitlin Matheus, Paul Bunker, Debra DeShon, Mathew Barnes
10:00	<i>Training for success: Ensuring dogs generalize to novel odor samples and in field conditions</i> Edgar Aviles-Rosa
10:30	<i>Applied Science in Action: The Multifaceted Role of K9s in Global Anti-Poaching Efforts</i> Lauren J. Wendt
11:00	<i>Gopher Frogs and Conservation Canines: The Nose Can Find What the Eyes Can't See</i>  Stacey Lance, Natalie Calatayud, Kiersten Nelson, Sophia Zaslou, Karen DeMatteo
11:30	<i>Density estimation using camera traps and scat detection dogs: challenges and opportunities</i> James N. Heifrich, Randall W. DeYoung, Beth Gardner, Alynn M. Martin, Ashley Reeves, Daniel G. Scognamiglio, Lisanne S. Petracca

"We may not ever know what it is to be an octopus but at least we know that octopuses exist, and that their experiences differ from ours. Through patient observation, through the technologies at our disposal, through the scientific method, and above all else, through curiosity and imagination, we can try to step into their worlds. We must choose to do so, and to have that choice is a gift."

-Excerpt from An Immense World by Ed Young

Recognizing another creature's umwelt—especially that of our dogs—can be profoundly humbling. It's not easy to step outside our human perspective. But when we do, we often uncover the root of miscommunications that lead to frustration, confusion, or disconnect in our relationships with them.

So here's an invitation:

The next time your dog does something unexpected—or doesn't do what you asked—pause. Take a breath. Ask yourself: What might this situation look like, sound like, or feel like from their perspective? What might they be noticing that you're not?

We inhabit vastly different sensory realities. And when we start to truly honor that, we give ourselves the opportunity to understand them more deeply—and in doing so, foster more connection, clarity, and trust.

For those of you training dogs for complex tasks or sports, understanding your dog's umwelt isn't just helpful—it's essential. They're responding to the world based on their perception, not ours. The more we consider this, the more thoughtfully and effectively we can shape training environments that align with how they experience and interpret cues.

In the end, greater understanding and empathy leads to stronger relationships—and that's the foundation of everything we do with our dogs.



Lauren Wendt
Lost Coast Kennel Club
Newsletter Editor



NEXT BOARD & GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY JULY 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!

Performance Cluster!

July 17–20

Humboldt County Fairgrounds
Ferndale, California



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES EACH DAY

ALL HANDS ON DECK on Wednesday 7/16 starting at 9:00. There are tons of tasks at all levels of knowledge, skill and physical abilities. We'll need to unload 2 trailers, set up canopies, distribute tables, chairs, trash cans, hang out merchandise, schlep all of our performance stuff from the shed to the rings, organize prize ribbons...and more!

Each day we'll need help in agility rings from start to finish.

- Can you pick up a small piece of PVC pipe and put it on a jump? You're a bar setter!
- Can you walk pieces of paper from the rings to the trial secretary? You're a scribe sheet walker.
- Can you move a dog's leash from one side of the ring to the other (approximately 80')? You're a leash walker.
- Do you have a big voice that can alert handlers that it's their turn in the ring? You're a gate steward.
- Can you watch for a signal from the judge to press the "GO" button? You're a timer.

Each day there will be a sign up board with each task, broken out by class (e.g. novice jumpers, novice standard, open jumpers, open, standard, etc.).

We Need Your Help on Thursday July 17 to Make the B Match a Success!

There's a big need for volunteers to help run the B Match on Thursday afternoon — and we can't do it without you!

Last year, we didn't have enough people to staff the event, and Abbadogs generously stepped in to make it happen. A commitment was made that we would step up as a club and ensure that doesn't happen again.

We need at least 8 volunteers (4 per ring) to make the B Match run smoothly. Whether you're experienced or brand new, your help is valued and appreciated. This is a great opportunity to get involved, learn more, and support a fun and important event for our club & community.

Let's show up strong and make this an event to remember!

The pool is open!
To reserve your spot call 707-496-9002.



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

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

For more information visit

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/509928632356196>

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BARKS & BREWS

JULY 19TH | 12-5PM
AZALEA HALL & PIERSON PARK, MCKINLEYVILLE
Bring your pup and join us for a day of craft beer, adoptable dogs, music, food, raffles, and more!

AGES 21+

PURCHASE TICKETS:
\$35 at the door
\$30 in advance

You can purchase tickets by going to:
<https://northcoasttickets.com/events/redwood-pals-rescues-barks-brews-7-19-2025>

Barks & Brews

Saturday July 19th
12-5pm

Azalea Hall & Pierson Park, McKinleyville

Craft beer from Humboldt Homebrewers and live music by A Banjo Makes 3 as well as local fare from Geo's Pizza and La Flor Mixteca food trucks.

There will be a chance to win some great raffle prizes and meet adoptable dogs looking for their 'forever' homes. This is an adults-only, dog-friendly event; attendees must be 21 or older and well-behaved dogs on-leash are welcome!

Tickets can be purchased in advance via this link

<https://northcoasttickets.com/events/redwood-pals-rescues-barks-brews-7-19-2025>

HUMBOLDT DISC DOG 2025 PRACTICE AND TRIAL DATES

Rio Dell Fire Department, 50 W Center St,
Rio Dell CA 95562

- August 9 practice
- August 23-24 trial
- September 6 practice
- September 20-21 trial
- October 11 practice
- October 18-19 trial – Monster Mash



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 28th at Rohner Park in Fortuna.**

We get to have fun and party with our dogs and other dog 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.

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

Cheers, Beth



Thank YOU!

The July 4-6, 2025
All Breed Shows and
Associated Events are a wrap!



I want to thank each and every LCKC member who came out to help make our shows successful. LCKC is a truly amazing club - we have members with such varied interests, yet so many turn out to help outside their areas of focus. No all dog clubs are like that! It's one of the things that we get complimented on every year at all of our events. I haven't counted up all the numbers yet, but as I write this I know we are well over 55% participation across all events, with many members helping out at multiple events throughout the weekend. I am sure that number will go up! I am not even going to try to name names here, for fear of missing someone. Just know that you all are so very appreciated. We can't do this without you.

The grounds looked great, the "pee trees" were very successful, the hospitality room looked lovely, as did the trophy display area. We put on a pretty show.

So many exhibitors stopped by the club table to express their happiness with our show and vowing to return. From the start of rousing Star Spangled Banner played by Phil Sams through Best in Show, I saw so many smiles and happy dogs.

We have many rave reviews on Facebook as well - quite a few from first timers to our Shows.

Thank you all so much. You are the best!
~ Tina Moulton, All Breed Show Chair

YOU ROCK





Phil Sams played
The Star Spangled
Banner every morning



We ate so well!

Over 300 ice cream cones served!!!



Thanks to CCC Fortuna Fire 1 for helping on breakdown day

Lost Coast Kennel Club held its first ever AKC temperament tests at July 4th & 5th Shows. We got through some challenges with setting up Friday, and soon the tests ran smoothly; then Saturday went without a hitch. Our Secretary and three wonderful Evaluators – Kim Gradin, Beverly Morgan Lewis, and Deb Lake – kept things smooth and positive. Big dogs and little dogs – Participants were almost all successful and left with their ATT title. Congratulations to all, and huge thanks to our volunteer team, who made LCKC's inaugural AKC Temperament Test happen.

Submitted by Cathy Wright





These two very serious looking pups very seriously passed their ATT at our fourth of July all-breed show with flying colors. Both had nearly perfect scores. That's a photo of my heart, right there.

Submitted by
Beverly Morgan Lewis

We had a great LCKC weekend with our Scottish Deerhounds, GCH Drudwyn Teagan at Jeffcain BCAT FITB, and CH Drudwyn Rhona at Jeffcain SC DCAT FITS. Out of the three shows, Teagan brought home two Best of Breeds and one Group 4. Rhona came away with a Best Opposite. Rhona also got in four Fast CAT tests, but we had to pull her for the last two due to a sore on her toe. Congratulations to the whole club for the success of all the events. It was a lot of work, but so appreciated by all who attended. The friendly shows, for sure!

Submitted by Kris and Bayard Smith



Teagan and Bayard, with Judge Dr. Eric Liebes



From Jill Otto:
KELSON. (Great Scott's Phoenix Rising at Sunspot FDC SWA SCE SEE SBE CGCA CGCU TKI FITS) qualified in both trials to get his AKC Temperament Test (ATT) title at the Lost Coast Kennel Club show.

Pretty great weekend at Lost Coast Kennel Club dog shows. Fada passed two temperament tests and achieved her ATT Title, AND got a three-point major on Sunday! 🌞🇺🇸😊



Winners and BOS. We pulled together a three-point major for PPP bitches on Sunday. 🌞🇺🇸



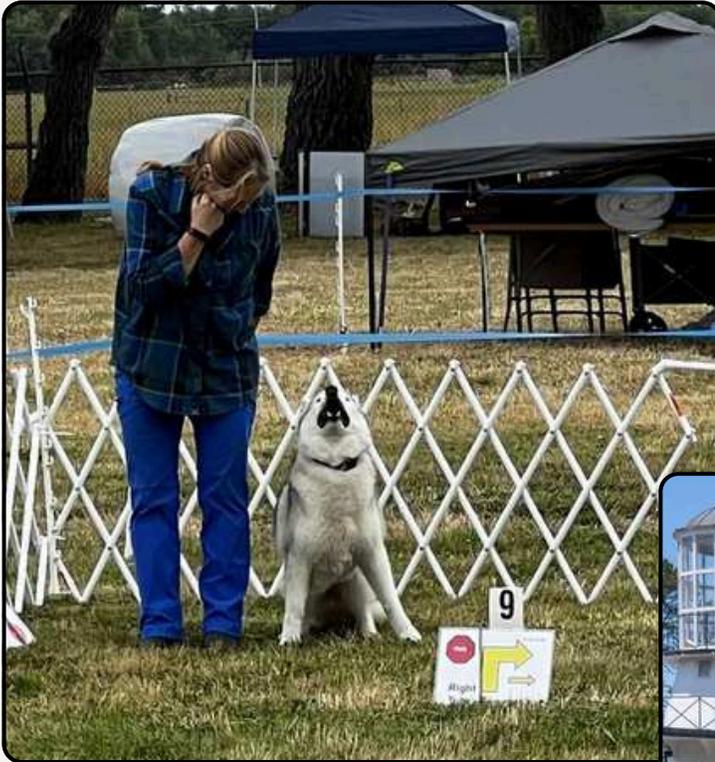
Fada is giving me the famous PPP side-eye. Though she actually enjoyed doing the ATT tests. Lots of fun people to meet.

Submitted by Cathy Wright

At the Lost Coast Kennel Club All Breed Conformation Show on July 5, 2025, Cider won "Veteran Best in Show" (over 23 other veterans entered)! I'm so proud of my boy for being so willing and enthusiastic in everything we do.

Submitted by Jamye Weseloh





Hildy had a good day in Rally and got 2 third places.



Vinnie sure had a great weekend at the LCKC show! I felt like one of the House sisters with how many group Placement he got!!



I want to thank everyone who helped out and donated to our raffle. I could not have done it without out all of you!!!

Submitted by Sara Borok

Copper completed her Fcat title running 5 of her 6 runs under 8 seconds.

Q'd all 3 days in Rally Masters with placements and went 1 for 2 in Nov B obedience.

It was ugly but it was a Q.

Submitted by Chris Irvin



Brassfire's When Calls the Heart to Jenna participated and passed the AKC Temperament Test at the Lost Coast Kennel Club's 23rd Annual Dog Show in Ferndale CA. It was a wonderful experience and so much appreciated. Jenna certainly enjoyed it especially the time spent away from her pups!

Submitted by Susan Hutchinson

Bayley Cottrell added the title of ATT to her list of "I-am-a-very-good-girl" titles at the LCKC All Breed Summer Show on Saturday. I did not get a ribbon picture yet but the ribbons are so lovely! Thank you to all our hard-working judges!! Bayley does not like "xpen walking" but everything else was quite fun!

Submitted by Marilyn Cottrell



Barn Hunt Practice at Susan Hutchinson's



Photos by Bobbie Pires

Zinnia and Phig took a road trip up to Seattle in their humans' art vehicles that Bobbie created. They parked for two days at the Seattle Art Car Blow Out as part of the Fremont Summer Solstice Fair. There they met thousands of people and participated with a lot of other dogs in the doggie parade.

On the trip back they attended the Border Terrier Club of America's national show in Longview WA to run like the wind. Phig caught up to Zinnia and earned her BCAT.

—Submitted by Bobbie and Kurt Pires

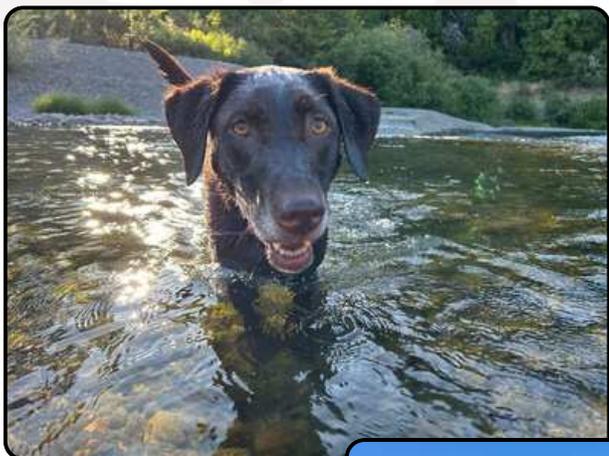


6 week old Miniature American Shepherds bred and loved by Beverly Chang

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
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



Just a couple of Labradors enjoy the summertime!