



# The Lost Coast Howler

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Meetings are held  
online & in person  
the 3rd Tuesday of each month

Everyone is welcome!

BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM

REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM



## President's Message

February 2024

Debra Lake, President LCKC

It is February. The full moon this month is called the Snow, Hungry or Bear Moon. Frankly, I am calling it the Wet Moon. Our solar system has generated a pittance of power over the last 5 days. I am glad for the diversity of the home's energy supply.

Some of you have already been traveling for agility, barn hunt and conformation.

I hope we hear about your travels and accomplishments.

We have 3 five-week-old Miniature American Shepherd puppies running around the house.

They are go, go, go until suddenly they drop in place and fall asleep mid-stride to recharge their baby batteries. They are up in more and more frequent gallivanting periods.

All three are self-taught on the dog door as of this writing. They are rapidly learning bite control with each other, Garbo and the other dogs. We know better than to stick our parts into the thing called a puppy chipper. They are such fun. Better than television. Such joy!

We are looking forward to representing the LCKC at Rally/Obedience at the Shasta Kennel Club's show in Anderson and the HumDog Dog Expo, both in March. Some of us have taken on busy roles at both these events. We can always use help, with or without a dog. Giving an hour or two makes light work. Thank you for thinking of us.

LCKC has talked about a disaster trailer for a couple of years now. It appears that there is movement by a new 501-C3 forming called CART, County Animal Rescue Team.

There is a McKinleyville physician who has taken this worthy subject on.

Red Cross is on board but they are geared to human help per their mission statement.

This will be such a big step for our rural county. AKC Reunite that sponsors the Law Enforcement K-9 acquisition, also sponsors disaster trailers. I predict that we may want to follow the progress with CART and offer our AKC club as a vector for funding this.

It is great publicity. The method is the same as with the K-9s.

To wrap up my message this month I'd like to share one of my favorite quotes: Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

~Margaret Meade

Happy Wet Moon,

Deb Lake, Garbo and the pups

# MINUTES OF THE LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB

January 16, 2024, Adorni Center, and via Zoom

## BOARD MEETING

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: Bill Clawson, Tina Moulton, Beth Rogers, Cathy Wright and guest Linda Yates.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the November 21, 2023, Board meeting were approved as published.

Report of the Treasurer: Jill presented the attached Treasurer's Report, which covers October – December, 2023, because there was no official report at the November meeting. Looking at the yearly report, after gains and losses in 2023, we finished with a \$407 gain, so we don't have a lot of money, just a lot passes through. Jill still needs to separate the May scent work trial from the seminar. The Adorni center rental fee has been paid through 2024. Raffle registrations and information have been sent in. **MSAC (Deb T/Marilyn) to approve the Treasurer's Report.**

## Unfinished Business:

- Repair of the agility trailer – Marilyn said Michael Ives has agreed to get the trailer to Reynolds for the remainder of the repairs (lights, rims, tires). The Board has previously approved this expense.
- HumDOG Expo – March 24, Redwood Acres. Application is in for a club booth. Discussion moved to regular meeting.
- Storage of the agility trailer – Marlene's possible location isn't going to work. Tiles under the wheels and cover it? It will mildew if wrapped in a cover. Needs a roof. Jill will call Marlene for ideas.
- Continuing hybrid meeting at Adorni Center? - Jill has paid for January, May, July, and November. All the rest will be via Zoom only.
- New event contract application process for Humboldt County Fair – President Deb Lake called a Zoom meeting of the event chairs and co-chairs on January 11 to discuss and work through the new application process. The contract applications should be ready to submit soon.

## New Business:

- Patty raised a concern that any meeting that has more than three Board members needs to have minutes taken and included in the regular meeting minutes. Agreement that if a meeting is a committee meeting (such as for an event) and the Board members are there because they are on the committee, it will be adequate to report on that meeting when the monthly committee report is given.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

## REGULAR MEETING:

The Regular meeting was called to order by President Debra Lake at 7:05 pm.

Present: All of the above plus Sara Borok, Beverly Chang, Teresa Chase, Kim Gradin, Gemini Herzog, Susan Hutchison, Beverly Morgan Lewis, Suzi Martin, Jane Patterson, Jean Sapunor, Berti Welty. Applicant Linda Yates was introduced. She has a Golden Retriever who does dock diving, and they want to do more.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes from the November 21, 2023, Regular meeting were approved as published. (Jill/Patty).

Report of the President: Deb Lake said she is participating in more meetings than ever. She called one to discuss the event application process, and there was one to determine practice dates.

Report of the Secretary: Kris said we have paid Great American for Director's insurance, and Sportsmen's for additional insureds for the March obedience/rally trials (one for Shasta Fairgrounds and one for Shasta KC). We received donation thank yous from HumDOG, Hospice of Humboldt, Guide Dogs for the Blind, and AKC Reunite, also the usual solicitations. She has updated our list of members willing to participate in Breeder Referral.

Report of the Treasurer: Jill presented the attached Treasurer's Report, covering October through December 2023. This is the time of year we have expenses but little income. Our net for 2023 was \$407.66. We had some big expenses like repairs on both trailers and new equipment. Raffle reports and applications sent in for the show and scent work weekends.

Report of Committees:

## PRACTICES

There was a Zoom meeting to pick practice dates for FCAT and the ring practices on January 13. Kris reserved dates at the Fairgrounds, and Cathy arranged dates at Ridgewood school. The following tentative schedule was chosen:

February 11: Ferndale Fairgrounds – 1 pm, Midway Lawns - Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

March 3: Ferndale Fairgrounds – 1 pm, Midway Lawns - Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

April 7: Ferndale Fairgrounds – Fast CAT on track at 11 am

1 pm, Midway Lawns - Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

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June 2: Ferndale Fairgrounds – Fast CAT on track at 11 am

1 pm, Midway Lawns - Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

June 9: Ridgewood School – 1 p.m. Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

June 16: Ferndale Fairgrounds – Fast CAT on track at 11 am

1 pm, Midway Lawns - Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

June 23: Ferndale Fairgrounds – 1 pm, Midway Lawns - Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

August 4: Ridgewood School – 1 p.m. Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

August 11: Ridgewood School – 1 p.m. Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

Tentative Fast CAT practices on September 15 and 29.

There is no schedule for Barn Hunt practices yet.

B-OB SHOWS/RALLY/FastCAT 2024 (July 5-7):

Shows: Tina said things are moving along. Cathy is working on trophy sponsors, the premium list is due at the end of February. Will need help on show day. Big need is for a raffle chair (Marilyn will advise) and a vendor chair (Tina will train). Farm Dog certification has been added for Friday and Saturday, 25 tests per day. Jayme will be test secretary, Beverly C will be chair, and is putting together the premium list. Jill said people love our raffle, so it's important to find a chair. Tina said 2024 will be a lot more expensive than 2023 due to judges fees, travel, and hotels. Cathy said it's the last call to sign up for sponsoring the trophies you had last year; you can pay via PayPal. People can donate prizes at the breed level (needs to go in the premium list). Cathy will post the available trophies on the i.o. group. Cathy talked to Alicia at Riverwalk about hotel prices. Summer prices are very high. Berti suggested other options, and is willing to do some research.

Rally/Obedience: Sara said July is all set. She is continuing to sort out the paperwork for the March trials at

the Shasta KC shows. Will need volunteers.

FastCAT: Deb T said applications have been submitted and approved for both weekends. She and Dan will be co-chairs for both. Working on details. Beth said volunteer positions need to be filled for the premium lists. There will be a Zoom meeting for that on Tuesday, Jan 23, at 6:30.

AGILITY, BARN HUNT, FASTCAT 2024 (July 18-21):

Agility: Beverly said the paperwork is done. Need help in finding a food vendor in addition to or instead of Lion's Club (not a caterer). Deb T will ask about the Volunteer fire Dept. Tina said they would have to have the proper food licenses and Fairgrounds approval.

Barn Hunt: Deb L said the paperwork is done for the fair contract, still needs to send it to Deb T and Beth to consolidate into one contract.

Fast CAT: Same as above.

SCENTWORK TRIALS 2024 (Labor Day weekend August 31 – Sep 2):

Susan said the committee met on January 10. They are looking into hotel costs. Fees - \$30/per run (\$40 detective). May offer some quantity cost reduction. Need more items for volunteer drawing. The venue contract has been received, they have a secretary, and one judge. Thank you to Beverly Chang, who donated tarps to cut slits in to let the wind through for blinds. Beverly C is considering hosting a Scent Work trial over Memorial Day. Dates are pencilled in at the Fairgrounds, and she is looking at other venues, maybe Manila. Will ask members on the i.o. group.

FIT DOG – Kim said the next Fit Dog Walk will be the annual Dia del Galgo walk at the Arcata Marsh, either January 27 or 28, depending on weather. It's open to everyone.

NEWSLETTER: Thanks to Emily for a nice issue.

WEBSITE: Thanks to Tina for doing the website, chat group, and membership. She has made additions to the website as event information comes in.

CHAT GROUP: Only nine members have not joined the i.o. chat group.

MEMBERSHIP: Tina will send notices about dues. A check came from someone she didn't recognize – Discussion worked it out.

BYLAWS: Nothing new; looking at changes.

Election of New Members: **MSAC (Beth/Marilyn) to elect Linda Yates of Eureka and Stella Moore of Arcata to membership (both associate).**

Unfinished Business:

- Agility trailer repairs – Marilyn said Michael Ives will get the trailer to Reynolds for the remainder of the repairs (tires, rims, electric).
- Junior/Youth Handler mentorship – Beth is scheduling a meeting to design a program, Fortuna's Taco Loco at 2 pm Friday Jan 19. Contact Beth if interested.
- HumDOG Expo (March 24) – Deb L sent in the application for the club booth. Beverly C is working with members on ideas and materials and work shifts. Wants to show the community what we do and how they can have fun with their dogs. Planning meeting March 5. Jill said it's really important to have as many breeds as possible.
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- Hybrid Meetings at Adorni Center – We will have hybrid meetings in January, May, July, and Novem-
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ber. All the rest will be via Zoom.

New Business:

- Second show vendor – Tina said there was a suggestion to invite a second show vendor. We currently use Savvy Rose (who is a club member). We need to be cautious and be sure there is enough business. Do we really need another? (probably not). Tina will ask members on the group.
- Sara said it's time to get moving on t-shirts – need to decide on styles and sizes.

Announcements: none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Smith, LCKC Secretary

I am a new member of LCKC and I just received my welcome letter from Kris. She invited me to send candid photos of my dog to you, so here you go! I don't know if you will be able to use it or not.

We got Bodie when he was one year old, after he failed to graduate into service as an autism service dog. Turns out his passion is dock diving, not service! Bodie is famous in Humboldt County dock diving circles. He will never win a prize for the longest jump, but his exuberance and joy in the sport is unsurpassed. Bodie loves to fly! While most dogs may jump 15 - 20 times in their half hour slot, Bodie once jumped 57 times! The counter estimates that Bodie probably jumped over 70 times when he was younger, but we weren't counting then.

Linda Yates





# HUMBOLDT DOG OBEDIENCE GROUP

## 34th Annual Dog Expo

### PLEASE REMEMBER:

#### Dog Expo . . .

- \*Teaches responsible dog ownership
- \*Prepares future dog owners
- \*Educates the public
- \*Is a community service project

*Certain volunteer expenses related to Dog Expo and your booth may be tax deductible! Consult your tax professional for advice on specifics.*

***You are invited to participate in HUMDOG'S 34th Annual Dog Expo at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds on Sunday, March 24, 2024.***

The goal of Dog Expo is to help PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP and to INFORM interested individuals about specific breeds, breed personality traits, and their needs. (Please note: **The selling of dogs or puppies is not allowed; however, you may distribute your business card to interested individuals.**)

Expo hours for the public will be 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please be in your booth and ready by 9:30 a.m. All booths must be attended by at least one adult (18 years or older). You must have purchased a booth in order to participate in the "Parade of Breeds." The "Parade of Breeds" will be held in the Center Ring at 1 p.m. In order to make the "Parade of Breeds" less time consuming, **only** information about the groups and the specific breeds within their group will be given. **No individual dog info will be given.** The general public will be encouraged to meet the dogs in the "Parade of Breeds" at their individual booths to obtain more information. **It is mandatory that everyone maintain their booth until Expo closes at 4 pm.**

As usual, we will have a printed program available to the general public that includes participants' names, companies, breeds, and phone numbers. Enclosed you will find an application form which must be returned by **February 20, 2024** to guarantee your space and to be included in the printed program.

The fee for a 10' x 10' breed booth is \$20.00, a combo breed/product booth is \$25.00, and commercial booths are \$30.00. Each booth includes a table and two chairs. You will need to provide a table cover and your own extension cords if you need electricity. Display boards from Redwood Acres are no longer available; however, HumDOG will provide display boards to booths having no solid back wall. Of course, you may provide your own display board if needed.

HUMDOG suggests participants use the standard wire "exercise pen" (commonly used at dog shows), to display your dogs. Crates are also recommended in order to give your dog a "time-out" from public display. The floor is bare concrete, so bedding and/or cushions are strongly recommended. As in previous years, there will be a limit of two or three dogs per booth, depending on breed size, as determined by HUMDOG.

Because of insurance liability constraints, and Redwood Acres' policy, all dogs must be attended to by an experienced handler and always kept on leash when not in a wire exercise pen or crate. Dogs may be shown outside of their confinement ON LEASH to anyone inquiring about your breed. **A copy of the Rabies/Titers certificates for each dog attending must be on file with us. Please be sure to include it with your application.**

**NOTE: Handlers showcasing puppies that have not reached the age for a rabies vaccine must provide a copy of current vaccination records.**

Only extremely well socialized and “public-proof” dogs should be brought to represent your breed. Dogs who get tired, snappy, and who may be questionable in stressful situations with crowds, should be left at home. NO aggressive or threatening behavior, as determined by HUMDOG, will be tolerated. *If your dog is in heat, please do not bring her to Expo. In that case, a refund will be given if you wish to cancel your booth reservation.*

There will be demonstrations of various types of dog activities throughout the day. A fundraiser will be held to benefit the Terri Lockett Memorial Spay/Neuter Fund at the end of the day. Our many avenues of publicity will hopefully draw an enthusiastic crowd who are genuinely interested in learning about different aspects of the dog world. Expo is an excellent opportunity to promote responsible dog ownership, your product or activity, and to let the public learn about a variety of breeds.

Your time and effort in the presentation of your breed, club, or business will be greatly appreciated. With your help, the general public will leave with a greater understanding of different breeds, their care, and activities. Informed dog owners are more responsible dog owners which benefits ALL of us!

Remember: To guarantee your booth space, your application and payment must be received by  
February 20, 2024!

#### **SET-UP**

You may set-up your booth from **Noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2024, or Sunday morning at 8 a.m.**

#### **EVENT**

You will need to be in your booth and ready for the public by 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. We will close all entry doors to the buildings until opening to the public at 10:00 a.m. **THIS YEAR: ON SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M., THERE WILL BE A GENERAL BRIEFING AT THE BLEACHERS. LEAVE YOUR DOG(S) IN YOUR BOOTH AND COME TO THIS GATHERING!**

For any additional information, please contact:

Roxanne Levang: (707) 502-4231

Marilyn Cottrell: (707) 601-5964

Susan Hutchison: (707) 443-0439

Pat Johnson: (707) 444-3862

We thank you for a prompt response. HumDOG looks forward to your participation in DOG EXPO 2024.



Dog Expo Committee:

*Roxanne Levang*

*Marilyn Cottrell*

*Susan Hutchison*

*Pat Johnson*

*Jill Otto*

*Sherry Pavlich*

*Tricia Morgan*

*Dori Fulk*





# Humboldt Dog Obedience Group Thirty-Fourth (34th) Annual Dog Expo

**March 24, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Redwood Acres Fairgrounds**

**Applications must be received by February 20, 2024.**

Location: Francheschi Hall, 10'x10' booth, includes one table (appx. 3' x 8'), and two chairs.  
There are a limited number of 6' tables available. Please indicate if you want one: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_.  
Electricity is available--must provide your own extension cord. No more than 2 to 3 dogs (depending on size) per booth.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (Appears IN brochure) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate # (HumDOG use only) \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of Dog(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you bringing a canopy (E-Z up)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Do you have self-standing displays? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

### **COST:**

Breed Booth: \$ 20.00  
Business Booth: \$ 30.00  
Combo: Breed/Business/Selling \$ 25.00  
Total Amount Submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Want to share a booth? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

With Whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dogs in booth: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of Rabies or Titters Certificate enclosed:

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

*Recommended but not required: Canine Influenza.*

**IF YOUR DOG IS ILL, PLEASE DO NOT COME!**

I would like to be placed next to:

\_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your booth to participate in the Scavenger Hunt? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Are you a Breeder of Merit? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Please indicate if you are or are representing, a:

- Breeder/Dog Owner  Veterinarian
- Commercial  Club/Org.
- Combo (Dog Owner/Commercial)  Other

Is club/business/organization having a booth? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Circle one: club, business, or kennel

Name of the club, business/organization or kennel:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to  
HUMDOG and mail with rabies/titters cert to:  
HUMDOG  
P.O. Box 6733  
Eureka, CA 95502-6733  
DUE: February 6, 2024

I, the undersigned, agree to hold the club, Humboldt Dog Obedience Group (HUMDOG), its members and the Redwood Acres Fairgrounds harmless from any claim of loss or injury in connection with Dog Expo. I assume all responsibility for the acts of my dog(s) and agree that if my dog(s) display aggressive behavior as determined by HUMDOG, when asked, I will quietly remove the dog(s) from the public area. I hold HUMDOG, its members and the Redwood Acres harmless from any claims, loss or injury of my dog(s). HUMDOG reserves the right to refuse any application and return any fees paid.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## Beverly Morgan Lewis

On January 1, 2024 the Lancashire Heeler became the 201st and most recent breed to be fully recognized by the AKC. The United States Lancashire Heeler Club has been working on this for over 20 years and I have been personally involved in the effort since 2015. I'm so glad this is finally done. The fallout is, of course, people wanting one without knowing anything about the breed other than that they are cute and small. There are very few breeders in the US and breeders in Europe definitely have their guard up. I just hope that once I am ready for my next little pal that I'll be able to find one!!!



### 2024 Practice Schedule-Kris Smith

March 3: Ferndale Fairgrounds – 1 pm, Midway Lawns - Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

April 7: Ferndale Fairgrounds – Fast CAT on track at 11 am

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June 9: Fairgrounds not available, maybe ring practices at Ridgewood School.

June 16: Ferndale Fairgrounds – Fast CAT on track at 11 am

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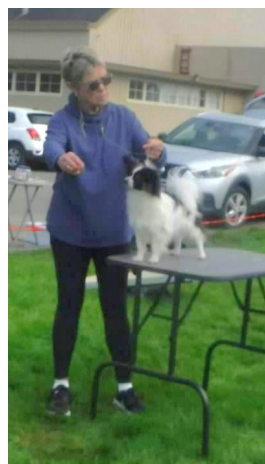
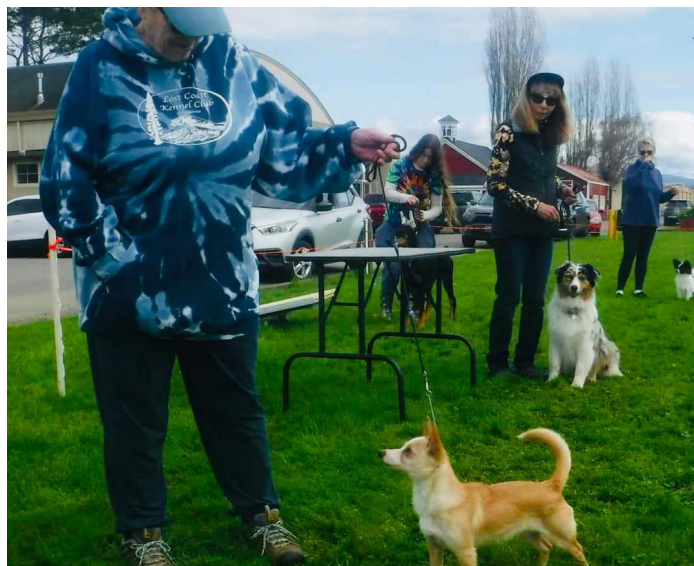
June 23: Ferndale Fairgrounds – 1 pm, Midway Lawns - Conformation, Ob/Rally, Scent Work (?)

Tentative Fast CAT practices on September 15 and 29.

Details of each day will be sent the week before. We have tried to avoid major conflicts with other dog events, but there will be some. Come when you can!

“Our first practice day of the year had great weather and a nice turnout for conformation, rally, and obedience. It was great to see some new faces. Thanks to all who helped set up and assisted each other, and to Marietta for supplying these photos.”

Cathlyn Wright





Jocelyn Tipple

In December, my veteran HaHa (CH MACH2 Shoreline's Cup O Sunshine RA MXC MJG MJP2 MXF T2B2 TKA) won Select Bitch at the Mt Hood Keeshond Club specialty in Washington. Viva got her Rally Novice title (and a couple Reserves).



12/20/2009  
- 12/5/2023

Our sweet matriarch Sunny (CH MACH Shoreline's Hangin' Tuff RN MXS MJC T2B) left this world heralded by a glorious sunrise and a swarm of hummingbirds. She was the fastest little Kees in agility who ranked in the top 10 in her agility career, in the top 5 in Bad Dog agility rankings and a loving companion. She exemplified the desire of all Kees to participate fully in everything with their human, from competition to lounging on the sofa to checking the surf. Sunny loved visiting this area for many years before finally happily moving to Humboldt. She is missed.





**In January Viva (Krafty's Viva la Vida NAJ NF RN) won Winners Bitch and Best of Winners major at the Keeshond Club of Southern California specialty. Very proud that my Viva did so well in the midst of 40 wonderful dogs and handlers from CA, WA, OR, ID, AZ, TX.**



**HaHa and her mom Sunny were Browntrout Calendar cover girls for January this year. The photo was taken a couple years before we moved here at Crab Beach. We were enjoying the summer LCKC agility trial.**

## Brag

Garbo and I are competing to be on the cover of Modern Dog magazine. There is a nice cash prize, too. We are currently in Round 3 of eliminations. First we had to be in the top 20 dogs in our group. Then top 15 dogs. Now we are in the top 10 dogs. Here's our poster. Voting is free. Garbo and I are pursuing this with a "in it to win it" goal.



# Free -Vote for Garbo

Local Humboldt Dog is competing to be on the cover  
Of Modern Dog Magazine

Contest is ongoing to March.

Please scan and vote every 24 hours.

**Follow on Facebook: Garbo-A Fairy Tail Come True**



## Sara Borok

Vinnie kicked butt at the Joriad Truffle hunt competition in Oregon. He was a complete novice at hunting truffles in the "wild" (but had been hunting matsutaki mushrooms all fall). There were 9 other Lagotto and 20 other teams that competed. Only 5 of us passed the second test to be able to go on to the field hunt. We found 16 truffles to place 3rd!!





**Terri Vroman Little  
News from the Trail**

**Karhu, Vixen and Vicious (that's my trail name) just completed our 4th Iron Paws Virtual Stage Race in the Canicross division.**

**It was Vixen's first. She did great as a spunky yearling.**

**Iron Paws is a 7 stage race with up to four runs permitted each week. Teams across the US, Canada, Mexico and a few in Europe participated in all things Dog Powered:**

**Canihike, Canicross, Bikejour, Scooter and Cart, Summer Pentathlon (combination of 3 modes, Sara Borok did her 3rd year) Winter Pentathlon, Fat Bikejour, Small Team Sled, Midsize Team Sled, Big Team Sled, and Recreation (at least two miles per week).**

**We interacted with teams through a private Facebook site.**

**Bonus points were offered for submitting images of fun shenanigans such as a Popcorn Challenge, Pampered Pooch, Canine Karaoke, etc. We try to log most of our miles on unpaved surfaces so the**

**McKay Tract is our Go-To place.**

**As of the end of Stage 6 we were holding steady in 4th place of about 50 teams. Final results will be tallied after 2/21/24**

**If you are curious about running canicross with your dog(s), North American Canicross [nacanicross.com](http://nacanicross.com) is a great place to start. Look for us giving a brief demonstration at the Expo too.**

**Terri Vroman Little  
Karhu (bred by Sara Borok)  
Vixen (bred by Beverly Chang)**

