

LUCKY DOG NEWS

Newsletter of the Luckiamute Dog Training Club
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2008 Meeting Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at the Almost Home Restaurant in Salem. Dinner @ 630 Meeting @ 700

April 3

May 1

June 5

JULY NO MEETING

August 7 - Picnic Meeting location TBA

September 4

October 2

November 6

December 4



UPCOMING LDTC EVENTS

May 4 Variable Surface Tracking
Test Chemeketa Community College
Campus Salem

September 27-28 Obedience &
Rally Trials Benton County Fairgrounds
Corvallis

November 16 TD/TDX Test
Oak Grove School Salem

February 28-March 1, 2009
Chris Zink Seminar
Location TBA



**Minutes from the March 6, 2008
Meeting of Luckiamute Dog
Training Club**

The March meeting of Luckiamute Dog Training Club was held on March 6, 2008 at the Almost Home Restaurant. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by president Laurie Kudna. Members present were Ellen Parr, Catherine Shields, Margie Dykstra, Betty and Larry Schwartz, Bob Parker, Jean Kane, Laurie Kudna, Peggy Miller and Sherree Lewis.

Reading of the February minutes will be postponed until April.

No President's Report.

No Treasurer's Report - the checking account is now usable.

We need a wireless adaptor for the laptop computer. Moved, seconded, passed we get an adaptor if the cost is \$50 or less.

Committee Reports:

Tracking Seminar - Breakfast for the seminar will be coffee, bagels, etc. We will be able to rent coffee vacuum pots for \$6/day. Laurie will be able to make the coffee and refill the pots as needed from her nearby home. For lunch she will look into having box lunches. Bob has access to TV, DVD and VHS players. For demo dogs (tentatively), we will use Schooner (Margie)TD, Legend (Peggy) TDX, and Kali (Laurie) VST. Sherree will

have 30 club fliers made for use at the seminar. Saturday dinner will be at 6:00 at Marie Callender's.

The premium list for VST is online. There is no cost for the room for the VST.

The TD will be November 15th and 16th. We hope to have several TDX tracks available (with AKC permission). The judges will be Roy Fair and Craig Green from Colorado. After discussion regarding land for a TDX test, it was moved, seconded and passed we have a combined TD/TDX test this fall. There will be a signup sheet for tracklayers at the seminar.

Obedience Trial: Arlene has not done anything regarding the trial. Bill Iwamoto is available. The second judge will be from Canada. We will need a chief ring steward, hospitality chair, and Trial secretary. Dino should be contacted for food. Margie will talk to Chris McMahon for 4H kids. Judges should rent car for transportation.

There will be a Chris Zink seminar in Washington this year. We still need a facility for the seminar next year.

New Business: Discussion on proposed changes for obedience. The B classes are different from the A classes. M/S/P that members send in their comments to

AKC performance events. Anti-dog legislation - from AKC: Recommend that club members write to legislators who favor good dog laws to thank them for being dog friendly.

Discussion was held regarding having fun matches - such as an obedience match.

M/S/P to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Schwartz, secretary



New Puppies!

Ellen Parr is pleased to announce the arrival of the "Moon Litter" at Wynfield Hounds. Hartshire Hallboy (Quiz), owned by Margie Dykstra, was bred to CH Wynfield's Velvet Brown (Luna). 6 lovely puppies - 3 boys and 3 girls! - were born on March 19. You can see them at www.wynfieldhounds.com

Belated Brag (omitted from last month's newsletter)

Shelly Brosnan writes: At the CAT NADAC trial in Canby Bodhi ran and had a TON of fun in Tunnelers, but no Q. Dharma Q'd in Tunnelers with a 2nd place and a Q/3rd place in Jumpers. However, her best run of the weekend was the non-Q Touch-n-Go run. I accidentally sent her into a tunnel the wrong way, however she stuck EVERY single contact. Without my handling error we would've Q'd with a first place...to get every contact at her

speed is something that makes me very proud!

New Brags

At the Chintimini Kennel Club shows Dharma was BOS both days and even better - Dharma earned her first CD leg under judge Theresa Temple.

Also at Chintimini KC Sally Grimes' Great Pyrenees Riley was BOW/BOS.

AKC NEWS

The AKC is pleased to announce a registration rule change that now allows owners of AKC registered dogs to change the official name of their pet. "We have a lot of interest from AKC registered dog owners looking to rename their dogs," said David Roberts, assistant VP of Registration. "In most cases, the dog is a beloved pet and the owner would like to pick a name that has special value to them. The new rule allows owners to change the name when transferring their AKC registered dog, or to request a name change at any time."

Previously, a policy was in place that only allowed the owner to change a dog's name if the dog had been individually registered by its breeder and the request was accompanied by written permission from the breeder. The new regulation reads:

The name of a dog registered with The American Kennel Club will be allowed to be changed provided the dog was whelped in the US and in cases where the breeder first individually registered the dog, their written consent would be required. A dog name containing a Registered Kennel Name cannot be changed without the written consent of the owner of that Registered Kennel name.

However, no change in the name will be recorded by the AKC after the dog has produced or sired an AKC registered litter or received an award at an AKC licensed or member event.

Any name change must comply all AKC requirements.

AKC TRACKING JUDGES SEMINAR



Kali, TD waits impatiently for owner Laurie Kudna to get the harness on at the recent seminar.

March 22-23 - More than 20 tracking enthusiasts, tracking judges and aspiring tracking judges spent the first weekend of spring in a classroom at Chemeketa Community College in Salem listening to AKC Tracking Representatives Herb Morrison and Betty Winthers discuss scent theory, track plotting, rules and regulations and the future of AKC tracking.

Attendance at an AKC tracking judges seminar is required for all tracking judges ever 3 years and for all aspiring tracking judges. Because of the in depth discussion of rules and regulations, it also is invaluable for club members involved in putting on tracking tests.

Luckiamute members Larry and Betty Schwartz, Bob Parker and Laurie Kudna worked hard to put on a successful seminar. On Sunday club members and their dogs ran mini-tracks to demonstrate the classroom concepts.

Bob Parker said, "I'll bet every club member who was there has at least one *nugget* that they picked up...Mine was use of GoogleEarth (or similar satellite imagery) for getting good overall and more detailed mpas of an area. Particularly for getting a good overview of an area so you can see how to get tracklayers, etc. in and out of a field, without screwing up tracks in an adjacent field."

Attendee Dave Vesely demonstrated his high tech approach to track plotting and mapping by combining his GPS unit with

satellite images from the State of Oregon. Dave wears is GPS unit while laying his track and overlays the land image with the track. Later he attaches the unit to his dog's harness while the track is run. The dog's route is then plotted onto the image.

Something many of us would like to try, but although the satellite images are available to the general public, the software required to utilize it runs about \$3,000. Dave is a biologist who uses his Belgian Sheepdog trackers in his work. He had Laurie Kudna carry the GPS unit when she ran the mini-VST demo track on Sunday. The results can be viewed on his website:

www.obsidianbelgians.com Look at the sidebar on the right – News and scroll down to "Lori's VST".

The most exciting news is that the AKC Tracking Advisory Council is considering a new tracking test which basically be the TD equivalent of a VST...in other words, an entry level urban tracking test/title. They don't have a name for it yet, but it will be something for "city folk" who don't have access to TD type fields. The tracks will incorporate both veg and non-veg surfaces, but turns will be on grass and it will be shorter and fresher than the VST. According to Herb Morrison this should become a reality within the next 2 years.

Laurie Kudna not only did Hospitality for the seminar, she also did two of the three demo tracks for the seminar. A fairly daunting task considering that it was done before AKC head honcho tracking gurus and over 20 tracking enthusiasts – many of them judges and most experienced trackers. Kali is Laurie's first tracking dog and aside from tracking some squirrels up tree trunks, she was quite impressive especially considering she hadn't done VST training in nearly a year.

Chris Wallen and her Basset, Karbo, did the "Urban Tracking" demo. Chris reports that Karbo was a bit astonished by the number of people following along his track but soon settled down and did a really nice job making transitions look easy!

Mr Morrison had statistics from 2002 through 2007 on TD, TDx and VST pass/fail rates and where the failures took place (start, leg, turn, articles, crosstracks, guiding, surfaces) for each level. The

statistics show that the majority of tracking dogs fail by the first turn.

In 2007, 515 dogs entered TD tests – 54.4% passed. TDX tests had an 82.24% failure rate of 411 dogs entered. 207 dogs attempted the VST with only a 7.7% pass rate.

Statistics prove that those of us who track are 1) incurable optimists and 2) totally crazy! Looking at those statistics it soon becomes obvious that dedicated trackers do it not for the titles, but for the joy and satisfaction one gets from the pursuit. Early mornings in the cold and wind and rain (see #2 above!) – tracking, it is addictive.



Kali working a track near a building.

ISRAELI STUDY: DOGS HELP CHILDREN'S HEALTH

The Gertner Institute for Epidemiology, the children's ward at the Sheba Medical Centre, Tel Hashomer, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem conducted a joint study on the role of dogs in the health of a child. The researchers concluded that the blood pressure of those children who had a relationship with a dog was lower than those who had no dog. While the connection between having dogs and the health of adults, this was the first time the connection between blood pressure in children and raising a dog was tested in a study.

TUNA TRAINING TREATS

2 – 6 oz cans TUNA in water
2 EGGS
1-1 ½ Cup FLOUR
1 Tbs Garlic Powder
parmesan cheese

Mash tuna and water in a bowl with a fork to get clumps out – liquefy in food processor. Add water if needed. Pour into a bowl and add flour and garlic until you get a consistency of cake batter. Spread into a greased cake pan. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until texture is like putty. Cool, cut into treat sized bits. May be frozen.

EASY LIVER TREATS

Liver – lamb, pork, or beef. Sliced or whole.
Garlic
Sea Salt

Fill large pan with water add a couple of garlic cloves. Boil liver until firm. If liver isn't sliced, do not slice it until after you've boiled it – it is easier to cut then.

Place sliced liver on cookie sheet. Sprinkle with sea salt. Bake in low oven until dry but still flexible.

Will keep for weeks in sealed container or can be frozen. Omit garlic if you hold your conformation bait in your mouth – bad breath!

THE JOYS OF TRACKING



A fresh start! Peggy's new Scottish Deerhound pup, Baroque, learning about tracking.



At the start – Ranger shows a nice strong indication of the track.



Laurie Kudna's Cayenne and Kali wait their turn. Cayenne is obviously showing her true feelings about having to let that track age. Tracking dogs have to learn to be patient while their tracks are properly aged.



Pip the Border Collie negotiates a fence – a common obstacle on TDX tracks.



Ranger waits for his harness. Let's track!



A nice article indication deserves a special treat.

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TRACKING KEEPS YOU FIT AND FLEXIBLE!
a fun sequence of photos by Shelly Brosnan
negotiating a fence - fine form from Legend, but Peggy needs some Yoga!

