

LUCKY DOG NEWS

JULY 2008

The newsletter of Luckiamute Dog Training Club

2008 Officers & Board

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Treasurer Ellen Parr

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Larry Schwartz ('08-'09)
Bob Parker ('08-'09)
Sherree Lewis ('07-'08)
Catherine Shields ('07-'08)

2008 MEETING SCHEDULE

Membership meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at Almost Home Restaurant Market Street Salem EXCEPT for July and January. 7 pm

JULY NO MEETING!

August 7 – Picnic Meeting Nesmith Park Rickreall
September 4
October 2
November 6
December 4



Luckiamute Dog Training Club Minutes 6/5/08

The June meeting of Luckiamute Dog Training Club was held on June 5, 2008 at Almost Home Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Laurie Kudna at 7:02 pm. Members present were Laurie Kudna, Margie Dykstra, Ellen Parr, Bob Parker, Catherine Shields, Betty and Larry Schwartz, Peggy Miller, Jean Kane, and Sherree Lewis.

Moved, seconded and passed to accept the May minutes as published.

Secretary's Report: Announcement of Chuckanut Tracking test was passed around.

Treasurer's Report: The club made about \$100.00 profit from the tracking seminar. We lost about \$90.00 on the VST test. Chris Zink has not returned the deposit we sent her.

Committee Reports: The Corky Vroom seminar will be held February 28 and March 1, 2009. The Obedience test will be September 27 and 28, 2008. The TD/TDX test will be in November. We could also have a tracking seminar at the end of October or else in the spring of 2010.

We will need 9 or 10 flags for the combined tracking test. Margie and Peggy will work out obtaining the flags. VST: Bob sent letters to

Chemeketa thanking them for the use of the room. They waived the requirement that we have to use their catering service for next year. A suggestion was made that we use Roy Fair for one of the judges for next year. Moved, seconded and passed that Ellen be made secretary and chair for the obedience trial. The judges are signed. Ellen needs someone to take care of the judges for food, transportation, etc. Margie volunteered to be chief ring steward. Laurie can help on Saturday and with judge's hospitality.

The trailer is at Larry's barn and needs to be moved. Need ring stewards for the obedience trial. Need ideas for a new logo.

New business: A reporter from the weekly that comes with the Statesman Journal wants to talk with club members regarding an article on LDTC. There will be a fundraiser and demonstrations Saturday at the State Fairgrounds.

Moved, seconded and passed to adjourn at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Schwartz, secretary



Photo courtesy Shelly Brosnan

Summertime and the livin' is easy!

My Trip to California

By Catherine Shields

Planned months in advance, I made a trip down to Southern California for the Mission Circuit shows over Memorial Day weekend to show my dog Banner for 4 days in conformation. (I show him in the Bred By class), we had 4 and 5 point majors all 4 days of the show. I also had friends entered in obedience and agility and we planned a side trip to visit Hunter, Banner's sire who I had not seen in 6 years.

Now all Spring I had been nursing what I thought was tendonitis in my right knee, I figured overuse as my left knee is getting closer and closer to needing a replacement. Day one of the show as I ran round the ring for winner's dog, I felt an odd hot feeling of something rolling inside my knee. It was VERY painful, but I hoped it would pass. Some pain killers and TRYING to take it easy on the weekend I showed Banner in the Bred By class and one of my friends showed him in Winners dog. I hobbled through the weekend. Banner earned a 5 point major on Sunday of the shows.



Banner gets a 5 point major!

I was very pleased as he is sort of a young geeky dog. That afternoon we went out to see his sire and let the dogs go swimming. It was a GREAT trip (minus my hurt knee). Upon returning home, MRI confirmed that I had indeed torn cartilage in my right knee and am waiting for meniscus repair surgery on July 11th. In the mean time, my left knee (referred to as the old hurt knee, that had 2 reconstructive surgeries 20+ years ago) tired of the extra work being required of it is very irritated and it is looking more and more like it will need to be replaced unless I can get it settled down. I think my doctor is an optimist and figured the shot of cortisone in my **OLD** hurt knee I got 2 weeks ago would settle it down. He keeps saying I am **TOO YOUNG** for a replacement. I think this is the only thing I'm too young for any more, other than AARP (by the way – I am 41). I am still on crutches and it still feels worse than my “new” hurt knee. Anyway, I never thought I would say I was **excited** about the idea, and **hope** to face 2 knee surgeries this summer. But it turns out being in a lot of pain and walking on crutches is **VERY** motivating!



Celebrate Life this Summer!

Remember When...

*My dog's faster than your dog,
 My dog's bigger than yours.
 My dog's better 'cause he gets Ken-L
 Ration,
 My dog's better than yours.*



Do you remember that advertising jingle? Today we would call it an “ear worm” – one of those songs that get stuck in your head. And who can forget that smiling yellow dog?

What ever happened to Ken-L Ration? Remember Ken-L Biskit? It was an oven-baked wheat based biscuit. Didn't look too appetizing and wasn't anything fancy, but dogs seemed to enjoy it especially when you mixed in a can of horsemeat!

Ken-L Ration was a high profile dog food and company from the 50's, when commercial dog food became readily available to the dog feeding public, through the mid-90's when the company was taken over by the Heinz Corporation where it seems to have been overshadowed by products and names more suited to a new generation of pet “parents”-Puperoni, Snausage...

*My dog's better than your dog,
 My dog's better than yours...*

BRAGS

From Laurie Kudna: Star was shown at Canby (Clackamas Kennel Club) on Sunday June 22 and went BOB. What a nice Birthday my girl gave me! (We hear it was the big 4-0! -editor) we went to group but did not do anything. But she showed nicely for me and I was extremely happy with her. Her housemate, Cayenne, lost to her little brother on Saturday. But I thought she showed well and again I was happy with my girl. (Which is really what it is all about, right?)

From Peggy Miller: At 6 months 1 week of age, my Scottish Deerhound pup L'Neil (Tannochbrae's Illusionist from Glencrag) went to his first dog show - the Cascade Hound Association show in Hillsboro on June 14-15. There was a large deerhound entry of 17 - with several puppies! L'Neil started the weekend well by winning his sweepstakes class and going on to Best in Sweepstakes. Unfortunately, in the regular class he was beaten by a littermate (who went on to WD and BOB over specials!) In the sweepstakes group competition, L'Neil made the cut. A pretty exciting start to what I hope will be a nice show career. On Sunday, he was 4 out of 5 in both sweeps and the regular class...oh well! On the plus side, a detour resulted in my discovery of a Panera Bread eatery just down the road from the fairgrounds!



WISH I'D THOUGHT OF THAT! BY Bob Parker

In the middle of Bush's Pasture Park, a film crew from COMCAST was shooting a public service announcement (PSA) on MUTT-MITTS to be aired on their various cable channels. It seems that various members of Silver Falls Kennel Club made contact with COMCAST and proposed that they make an updated PSA, and from what I saw it will be pretty good. Kids, adults, dogs and some familiar faces such as former member Patty Storkel (with an Irish Wolfhound, of course) and various other Silver Falls members.

For those of us on COMCAST cable, we will see it eventually, and I will try to get a copy to run on CCTV, where we still run some of the older versions. (By FCC rules. Cable providers are required to run some sort of PSA's periodically. This will certainly fill that requirement!

(For those new to the club or with short memories, it should be noted that the Mutt-Mitts in the Salem parks are the direct result of the efforts of Bob Parker and the backing of LDTC. Thank you Bob!)

AUGUST PICNIC MEETING!

Remember, the August meeting is a picnic meeting. It will be held at Nesmith Park (next to the Polk County Fairgrounds) in Rickreall. The club will provide BBQ meat. Club members are asked to bring side dishes. Dogs are welcome and encouraged and we will have some dog games to play after a short meeting.



Keep those puppies cool when the temps go up!

Beware! Common Toxins

By Ellen Parr

This is a good time to remind you all of some of the more common household items that can be toxic to dogs. And a warning: even if your dog never goes into a room, if you keep toxic items in there, put them where the dog cannot get to it. Accidents happen and curious dogs can end up where they are not supposed to be. And because they are curious, they will sniff, lick, and eat almost anything new – especially puppies. Those of you who have small children are probably pretty well puppy-proofed, but check the list anyway as some of these items are not a problem for children.

If your dog eats or you suspect they have eaten any of the following, call your vet immediately. A number to keep on your fridge is the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center. It is your best resource for any animal poison-related emergency, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you think that your dog may have ingested a potentially poisonous substance, you can call them at 1-888-426-4435. A \$60 consultation fee may be applied to your credit card.

CHOCOLATE: The darker the chocolate the higher the toxicity level – it is the theobromine in the chocolate that is hazardous to dogs. Chocolate is typically a problem around the major candy holidays – Hallowe'en, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and Valentine's Day.

RAT POISON: ALL rat/mouse/rodent pesticides are toxic to dogs. If you have rodents, use traps instead of poison – this will also protect wildlife such as hawks and owls that may eat a poisoned mouse. Or if you must use poison, make sure that it is where the dog cannot get it. When you throw away a container, make sure the dog cannot get into the trash.

ANTI-FREEZE: Very deadly, the ethylene glycol in anti-freeze causes kidney damage and because it has a sweet taste dogs are apt to ingest large quantities. If you suspect your dog has consumed anti-freeze you must seek immediate treatment (within 5-7 hours).

XYLITOL: this is an artificial sweetener found most commonly in sugar-free gum and breath mints. This stuff is BAD – 8-10 pieces of gum can be fatal to a Harrier sized dog. It is found in a variety of sugar free products, so check yours carefully and keep it well out of reach of dogs. (*one wonders how healthy it can be for human consumers!*)

ONIONS: A Harrier sized dog can probably safely eat a small amount (1/3 cup) without any serious side effects, but it can cause serious illness and death if consumed in larger quantities. Most dogs will not eat raw onions, but cooked onions can also be an issue and most dogs will eat cooked onions especially if mixed in a casserole or other food.

APRICOT AND PEACH PITS: contain cyanide. 'nuf said!

SLUG BAIT: a common poisoning in dogs. You can purchase dog friendly slug baits. There are also natural methods...I don't recommend using beer – it works well on the slugs, but many dogs like the beer!

ANY NSAID (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) Advil, Ibuprofen, Naproxen Sodium, Alleve: all are toxic to dogs. If your dog is in pain, talk to your vet about veterinary products. If your dog gets into a bottle, call your vet immediately.

TYLENOL(acetaminophen): depending on the quantity, Tylenol poisoning is often fatal – particularly in cats.

MACADAMIA NUTS: Can cause hind end weakness, generally treatable.

GRAPES/RAISINS: Very toxic to some dogs, others can seemingly eat all they want.

Since this is the time of year when people go wild with lawn care products and weed killers, you should remember that dogs can absorb these toxins through the pads of their feet. They are also apt to ingest pooled water that has been contaminated. It might be a good idea in the long run to use "green" products whenever possible.

HOUSEHOLD

CLEANERS/DEODORIZERS: Did you know that many household cleaning products contain known carcinogens and other ingredients potentially harmful to our pets as well as our planet. Those plug in deodorizers? The component that causes the fragrance to dissipate is a known carcinogen.

Most of your cleaning chores can be done with white vinegar and baking soda.

ESSENTIAL OILS: just because it is natural doesn't mean it is safe. Essential oils should be used with caution as many can be harmful to dogs and are very concentrated.

(from the editor: In general, I've found that most household chores hold the potential for personal harm and/or inconvenience. Thus I avoid such work as often as possible.)



"Clean the house? Not today, I've got some dreaming to do!" says Legend.

BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY!

Get Well Soon! Shelly Brosnan is in recovery from hip surgery 6/26. Apparently Shelly has been hobbling around on a fractured hip (2/3 of the way thru the femoral neck) for quite some time. She finally found a doctor who discovered the problem and fixed it.

As a get well gift, Shelly's husband John got her a mini van! I don't know who is more excited - the dogs or Shelly!

Shelly assures us that she will back in the obedience/agility rings and tracking field by Fall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 27-28
OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIALS ring
stewards are needed

NOVEMBER 22-23 TD AND FIRST
TDX TEST volunteers needed for
hospitality and tracklaying - both are a two
day commitment

January 3, 2009 (tentative date)
Annual Club Meeting/Party

February 28- March 1, 2009
CORKY VROOM HANDLING
SEMINAR

THE MARKETPLACE

(members are encouraged to advertise their
canine related goods or services here)

GOODIES FOR YOU AND ALL YOUR

ANIMALS: Need some soap? Or maybe some dog toys? Does your kitty need a new bed? Visit Margie's website <http://www.blythmoor.com/soap.htm> for her new selection of fun handmade goodies. I am knitting some nice blue and gold balls for those winners out there!

I also have milk available - either fresh or from the freezer for easier keeping. This is **RAW GOAT'S MILK** with high butterfat and easy digestibility. Dogs do not get diarrhea from goat's milk. Right now my pig is thriving on a daily dose of milk and she should be delicious when she is grown. I am pretty sure that the chickens would love it also, but they only get it when I accidentally let some curdle.

WILL TRADE FOR LAYING HENS!

Margie (971)239-0670 or goats@blythmoor.com

SPRING LAMB FOR DOG FOOD:

Now available from Maple Tree Farms - lamb meat for your dogs. This meat is from small young naturally reared lambs with a high bone to meat ratio. Because of the young age of the lambs (less than 6 months) the bones are very soft. You can feed your dogs freshly frozen naturally reared lamb for what you pay for premium meat based kibble. \$1.75/lb
Contact Peggy @ 503-749-4101 or berknbelg@netzero.net for more information.

2008 OBEDIENCE TRIAL TROPHY DONATIONS

Trophies not sponsored will not be offered! Please give generously. Checks can be mailed to Margie Dykstra 11395 Meridian Street, Independence, OR 97351 OR send via PayPal to ellen@wynfieldhounds.com Please email Margie (goats@blythmoor.com) with your sponsor information and indicate an alternate class if your first choice is already taken.

Class/award	Amount/day	Saturday	Sunday
High in Trial	\$40		
High Combined	\$40		
First Place Novice A	\$15	Catherine Shields	Catherine Shields
First Place Novice B	\$15		
First Place Open A	\$15		
First Place Open B	\$15		
First Place Utility A	\$15		
First Place Utility B	\$15		
Veterans	\$15		
PreNovice	\$15		
Hi Score Sporting Group	\$15		
Hound Group	\$15		
Terrier Group	\$15		
Working Group	\$15		
Toy Group	\$15		
Terrier Group	\$15		
NonSporting Group	\$15		
Herding Group	\$15		
Miscellaneous Group	\$15		
Hi Scoring Junior Handler	\$15		
Rally Excellent B	\$10		
Rally Excellent A	\$10		
Rally Advanced B	\$10		
Rally Advanced A	\$10		
Rally Novice B	\$10		
Rally Novice A	\$10		
Hi Scoring "Your Choice" e.g. breed, tracking title	\$10		
Belgian Malinois	\$10	Catherine Shields	Catherine Shields
Dog with Tracking Title	\$10	Margie Dykstra	
Dog with ILP	\$10		



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is bringing one of America's Best Loved
Professional Handlers to the Pacific Northwest!



HANDLING SEMINAR

Presented By

Corky Vroom

So Mark Your Calendars!!

The Dates are

February 28 and March 1, 2009

Seminar will be in Oregon.

We will have more information to come. You can
email Laurie Kudna at lkflowerdog@msn.com
to be put on a list to get more information as it
comes out.

