

Lucky Dog News

The Newsletter of Luckiamute Dog Training Club

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Meeting Schedule

Membership Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month @ Almost Home Restaurant in Salem unless otherwise noted.

No Host Dinner 6 pm

Meeting 7 pm



Minutes of the Annual Meeting

11 January 2009

The January meeting of the LDTC was held at Oak Grove School before the annual potluck. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Margie Dykstra at 1:20 pm. Members in attendance were Margie Dykstra, Ellen Parr, Coleen Powell, Peggy Miller, Sally Grimes, Susanna Branch, and Sherree Lewis.

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

There was no President's report.

There was no Secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report: In good standing.

Committee Reports:

Vroom Seminar: No facility yet. Laurie is checking the Red Lion on Hawthorn and Four Corners Elementary school. Less than half of the working spots are filled. Members who are attending the Portland shows will get out flyers.

Others will also get out flyers at other events. Have taken in \$2,500 so far.

Elections: Moved, seconded and passed officer elections as follows-

Margie – President

Peggy – Vice President

Ellen – Treasurer

Sherree – Secretary

Betty and Jean – New Board Members

Membership – second reading of Susanna Branch. Moved, seconded and passed to accept as a club member.

Meeting adjourned at 1:41 pm

Respectfully submitted – Sherree Lewis

ANNUAL MEETING & FIDO FEST PARTY

By Peggy Miller



Coleen Warms up for Game Time!

It is too bad that more members were unable to make it to the annual meeting and "Fido Fest". To economize we had the party at the Oak Grove School. We had access to the heated class room for our potluck and meeting and headed outside for dog games.



T Shirt Race

As usual at a Luckiamute event, there was excellent food available. Susanna's Hot German Potato salad was a scrumptious complement to the Oktoberfest Sausage (from a homegrown Berkshire pig) and sauerkraut. There were yummy salads and delightful desserts including homemade Pecan pie from Sally.

The weather cooperated - no rain and it warmed up to a balmy 52 degrees - so we had our doggy games outside. The dogs bobbed for "beagles" (except for Susanna's little Cavalier Summer who was in danger of drowning in the bucket).



Competition was fierce in the infamous egg and spoon race. Several of the dogs seemed to think the object of the game was to knock the egg off the spoon so they could clean up the broken egg. They even seemed to have fun getting shoved into ill fitting T-shirts for that race.

Sherree demonstrated synchronized spinning with Abby and Scout and there were some impromptu training sessions.



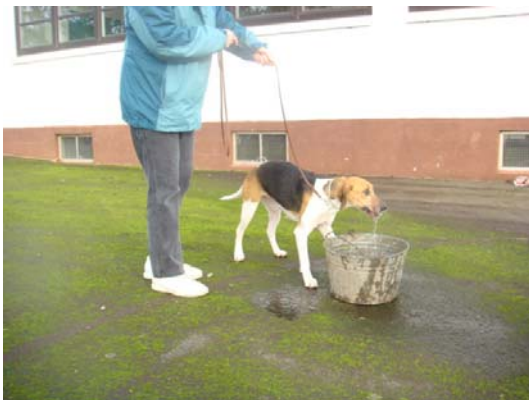
The group then retired back to the classroom to warm up and (what else?) eat some more. We had a great brain storming session on things to do to

involve more club members. One idea is to have fun days at Oak Grove that could be mini-matches or other training type sessions. There is an ample grassy area to work our dogs on plus the nice covered play area.



Sally and Riley

I would love for our "tradition" of an annual meeting/party to continue. Hopefully next year more members and their dogs will be able to join in the fun.



Ellen's Harrier "Lola" bobbing



Margie and Schooner

Thanks Luckiamute!
From Bob Parker

Thank you Luckiamute for the Applebee's gift card. We have not used it yet but will be doing so within a very short time. As I have discovered while working with other volunteers in various programs from CPR to Literacy tutoring to Salem Parks improvements and maintenance, a sincere "Thank You" is often worth more than money! (Too bad more workplace bosses don't realize the value of a word of thanks to their employees instead of just feeling that their pay is enough.)

Anyhow, thanks for your expression of appreciation; that make all the running around and phone calls and follow-up in connection with putting on a successful trial worthwhile. So far we have a good reputation (as a result of first working with Curt and Karla Curtis) for putting on good trials, and we need to continue that tradition.



"Um, I think there is dog saliva in that water! Ick!"

AKC NEWS

A Combined EDOC/LDTC Obedience Trial?

During a phone conversation with Hill Jones about the possibility of having her be one of our judges for our November 15th TD/TDX, she wondered if LDTC might be interested in combining with EDOC in September to put on both clubs' Obedience Trials. Her idea was that on Saturday one club would do their trial in the morning and the other club do theirs in the pm, with one club doing Rally. Then on Sunday everything reverses. With the upcoming Obedience Regulation change that would allow an entrant to get 2 legs under the same judge, that could work really well for everyone involved. I told Jill I would bring it up at the meeting. So think about it. This could be a money saver for everyone!

~ Bob



BRAG FROM ROSE CITY!

Susanna reports that Summer (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel) earned her first Rally Novice leg under judge Dee Dee Anderson.

Summary of recent and future changes to the Obedience Regulations.

Effective January 1, 2009:

Optional Titling Classes

- * Graduate Novice
- * Graduate Open
- * Versatility

New Non-Regular Classes

- * Wild Card Novice
- * Wild Card Open
- * Wild Card Utility

New Master (OM)/Grand Master (OGM) title program - added to recognize consistently high scoring dogs, in which title points will be recorded for dogs with a Utility title.

Effective January 1, 2010:

Clubs will have the option of holding two all-breed obedience trials concurrently, at the same time on the same day (as opposed to two trials in succession under the current rules). A new non-regular class, Obedience Advanced Team works, may be offered.

Effective January 1, 2011:

The CD, CDX, UD, GN, GO, VER, and BN titles will be awarded to any dog who receives **3** qualifying scores under **2** different judges. This will change the current requirement of 3 qualifying scores under **3** different judges.

Additional information on changes and effective dates are on the AKC website.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT!

Warning: Oregon Dog Fanciers under attack by HB 2470

HB 2470 introduced in the Oregon House this month closely resembles HSUS (Humane Society of the United States) anti-breeder legislation that has shown up in other states this year – notably Washington and Colorado. Sponsored by Representatives Paul Holvey and Sara Gelser and Senators Peter Courtney and Vicki Walker, this bill is currently awaiting committee assignment.

Summary of the Bill:

Prohibits owning, possessing, controlling or having charge of more than 25 sexually intact dogs aged four months or older. Imposes conditions for owning, possessing, controlling or having charge of 10 or more sexually intact dogs aged 4 months or older. Makes violation subject to maximum penalty of six months' imprisonment, \$2,500 fine, or both.

Additionally – **a person that owns, possesses, controls or otherwise has charge of at the same time 10 or more sexually intact dogs that are 4 months of age or older...must provide each dog with sufficient space to turn about freely, stand and sit and to lie down without the head, face, tail, legs or feet of the dog touching the sides of the enclosure or touching any other dog.** (all of my dog crates would violate this rule ~ editor)

Also - ...provide each dog that is 4 months of age or older with at least two daily exercise periods totaling two or more hours in length AND the dog must be allowed to walk during the entire period. (*Huh? So that would be FOUR HOURS of walking? ~editor*)

Curiously, these provisions do not apply to animal shelters, retail pet stores or research facilities. Only dog breeders are targeted (although it would seem that anyone with 10 intact canines – dog or bitch – would fall under this law. So you wouldn't even have to be a breeder. A handler could meet this definition.)

Pet Dealer-if, within a 12 month period, you sell, offer for sale, barter or exchange...20 dogs or 3 litters...you will be considered a DEALER and will be subject to further regulation.

There is no indication as to which agency will have enforcement powers or how it would be financed.

Why are dog breeders targeted, but not cat breeders?

Oregon already has one of the strongest and best animal cruelty laws in the nation, perhaps an effort should be made to enforce this rather than impose new laws.

Beware! This bill was designed and is being pushed by an Animal RIGHTS groups. Remember that the ultimate goal of these groups is the elimination of ALL DOMESTIC ANIMALS!