



LUCKY DOG NEWS



Newsletter of the Luckiamute Dog Training Club
February 2008

2008 Officers & Board

President Laurie Kudna
VP Margie Dykstra
Secretary Betty Schwartz
Treasurer Ellen Parr

Annual Membership Meeting And Third Fido Fest

Board Members

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

On Saturday January 5 LDTC held its annual membership meeting. Following the meeting we had fun with our dogs at our third annual "Fido Fest". A nice turnout of new and old members as well as several guests enjoyed a luncheon of gourmet pizza and Cesar salad followed by a tasty selection of deserts. To aid in the digestion of our sumptuous meal we then played doggy games with our best buddies.

Meeting Schedule

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

2008 Schedule

February 7

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5

July NO MEETING

August 7 -picnic meeting

September 4

October 2

November 6

December 4



LDTC Events

**March 22-23 AKC
Tracking Seminar
Chemeketa Community
College Salem**

**May 4
VST Test
Chemeketa Community
College**



MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LDTC 5 JANUARY 2008

Meeting called to order at 1410 by President Laurie Kudna. December minutes approved as published.

In Attendance:	Sherree Lewis
Members:	Tamara DePue
Laurie Kudna	Catherine Shields
Shelly Brosnan	Guests:
Peggy Miller	Sally Grimes (new member)
Arlene Courtney	Ryan (Laurie's nephew)
Margie Dykstra	Martha ?? (Sherree's partner)
Bob Parker	Rob ??
Jean Kane	Aron??
Barb Jette	Dennis ??
Cheri Vanoy	
Linda Newell	
Treasurer's Report:	
Tracking Test – add \$52 expenses.	
Motel refund (obedience trial) is pending. Margie will check on this .	

Secretary Report –
(secretary Betty Schwarz is currently recovering from surgery)

CHRIS ZINK SEMINAR- date approved by Chris. February 28-March 1, 2009. Site Pending – possible sites Benton County Small Animal Building or Polk County Fairgrounds.

TRACKING SEMINAR – March 22/23, 2008 approved. Over 100 Fliers have been sent out by Larry and Betty. Minimum of 20 attendees needed. Bob will handle building security, etc. He will touch bases with the tenant farmer about using the field adjacent to CCC campus.
Laurie will coordinate hospitality. Because this is Easter weekend we will need all club members to pitch in to help pull this seminar off.

VST – judges under control. Roy Fair and Sally Dies.
TD – judges pending. Margie will contact Kayla Smay and Franna Pitt.
TDX – Belden Farm is appropriate for us. 4 dog test w/ 1 alternate. Mostly grass fields. Possible dates Sept-Nov/Feb-March 2009
Motion by Margie (second Arlene) for LDTC to hold a TDX test date and place pending. Aim for 2009.

Obedience Trial: Secretary Ellen Parr. Chair Arlene Courtney. Benton County Fairgrounds arena already reserved. Ellen contacting judges.

Date correction – VST is May 4th. Not as published in newsletter.

ELECTIONS – Slate as submitted by nominations committee is approved by proclamation.	
President – Laurie Kudna	Board Members
Vice President – Margie Dykstra	Catherine Shields
Secretary – Betty Schwartz	Sherree Lewis
Treasurer – Ellen Parr	Bob Parker
	Larry Schwartz

NEW MEMBERS

Second Reading – Sally Grimes. Approved.

DUES: Annual dues are due by February 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

Job Descriptions – Laurie would like written job descriptions for officers and show/committee volunteers to be in a written format and posted to our club website.

NEWSLETTER – The newsletter will be distributed electronically. If you want a paper copy you need to contact Peggy.

Meeting adjourned 1455. Let the games begin!
Submitted by Peggy Miller substituting for Betty Schwartz

CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS!

After seeing so many of our oldsters enjoying themselves at the party last month, I thought it was time to celebrate our old dogs. These senior citizens may have slowed down a bit, may occasionally have accidents, and may have special needs but they are still able to do what dogs do best - give us unconditional love. Unfortunately, January was a month of loss as several oldsters went over the Bridge.

DEVO 1/04/1996 - 1/17/2007

Devo was the Piglet in our Pooh-themed pack. The Piglet because he was: #1 - a very small animal and #2 - always worried "Dear me, dear me..." He came to us at the age of 4 with few options because he was not an easy dog to live with. He was hyperactive, ADHD, anxious little whippet who went from 0-100mph in a millisecond. We called him a binary dog, because he was either on or off. We joked that if on the good died young, he would live forever. Age mellowed him some but he never really lost that spark that made him Devo.

We quickly learned that as long as Devo knew what was expected of him, he was a lot calmer. He craved structure. While he still wasn't easy to live with, his sweetness made up for the rest. He was the best bed-buddy; snuggling under the blankets and cuddling as long as you would let him. He was very smart and learned very quickly. He figured out how to open the doors in our apartment in Germany and he went through three doors to get into the trash (we had to take the door handle off of the dog room door). He learned all the basic obedience commands and was a literal savant when it came to agility. However, his anxiety made him very uncomfortable with the show scene so he and I trained and played on our own. He loved to play and was positively excellent at tug-a-war and Frisbee (once he learned the rules).

There are so many great stories about Devo. My favorite one has to do with how Devo's penchant for adventure led us to meet the Fabers, some dear friends of ours in Germany. Devo ran away from the home of a friend who was watching him while we were both deployed to Kosovo. A friend of the Faber's found the little guy waiting patiently beside her car (I am sure he was looking cold and pitiful) and took him to Kiesberg and the Fabers. We had been looking for a long term pet sitter anyway and the Faber's kept Devo until we got back (5 months later). At the very

least, they made our "trip" to Germany a positive experience. Thanks, Devo!

Devo came to us with a broken heart and it was only a matter of time before it broke completely. While he lived longer than we expected, he still left us too soon.

We took him for a last walk at the local State Park and he peed on every pee-worthy object that crossed his path. Then we went to the vet, got comfy on the floor, had our last snuggles and said goodbye. As I felt him slip away, I saw a picture in my head of Devo, running up the road ahead of me at full speed. He went around the bend and reached the meadow on the other side. Winnie was waiting for him as well as Floyd and many other friends. Our lives will be so much more mundane without our little guy.
~Tamara DePue



Devo enjoying a romp with his disk.



Multi HIT U-CD Am/Can/Int CH Kingsbury's
True Grit, CGC, CD, NA, NAJ

Merry was our first Harrier and came to us when she was 9 weeks old. Despite her strong independent streak, she has delighted us ever since. Merry earned her Championship pretty easily, despite her novice handler (me) and went on to earn some group placements as a special. Although we tried, Merry did not seem too interested in performance events until she got older. Around 5 or so, she started showing a lot more interest, so we got to work. She earned her CD with two HIT's at the Cascade Hound show and went on to get HIT at the Harrier National. Although we trained for Open, Merry was 10 before we were truly ready to compete and she developed a stay problem. We worked on it for about a year, but never really saw any improvement, so I retired her from the obedience ring. Now, at 11.5 years of age, Merry is going strong. This past fall, she earned a Veteran's Group 3 and a Group 4 at the Cascade Hound Show and was the oldest dog competing. Most people who look at her can't believe she is as old as she is. This fall, we returned to tracking and Merry's been having a ball and tearing up the tracks. We hope to get her TD in the spring. Affectionately known as the "silly old Goat", we hope Merry will be going strong for years to come.

**Applegate's Afternoon Delight, CD,
NA,NAJ,OA,OAJ**



shown by Camille- Margie Dykstra's daughter
Our first beagle (born in 1991) – Applegate's Afternoon Delight, CD, NA, NAJ,OA, OAJ is also known as "Whoopie" (hint: her sire's name was "Good Time Charlie") Those letters after her registered name mean she is a very smart little cookie and has an AKC obedience title and FOUR AKC agility titles. She also has some USDAA and NADAC titles and AKC show points. Whoopie is now almost 17 years old and retired. She doesn't see much, but she is still getting around just fine.

Sadly, Whoopie passed away on January 29 just shy of her 17th birthday. She is buried under an apple tree and will be missed by her human and canine family which includes her son Reggie who is nearly 15.

**U-CDX CH Trew Bleu Anticipation,
CDX,RA,HCTs,CGC
Owner Catherine Shields**



photo by shelly brosnan

Tessa was my first dog as an adult. My first malinois, my first Show dog and First Champion, my first Obedience dog, my Best Friend. She is formally known as U-CDX CH Trew Bleu Anticipation, CDX RA HCTs CGC. And I hope we will celebrate her 15th birthday on March 22 of this year. She has been part of my life for so long, coming into my life when I was in grad school and 26 years old, when I was diagnosed with MS at 27 and was with me when I purchased my first house, with me as I turned 30 and 40 and now I'm 41! Tessa, besides being my best friend, was Winner's Bitch and Award of Merit at the ABMC national in 1995, Best Veteran bitch and AOM in 2001, and Best in Veteran Sweeps 2005. Tessa had 2 litters – the oldest 10 years old and the youngest will turn 8 in March. Many are still showing and trialing. She is the dam of the only Malinois CHAMPION TRACKER AND VST. She is also the dam of 3 TD, 1 TDX, 8 CD, 3 U-CD, 6 CDX, 1 U-CDX, 1 UD, 1 HSA, 1 HT, 1 JHD, 3 NA, 3 NAJ, 2 AX, 2 AXJ, 1NF, 2 RN, 2 RA, 7 Champions, 1 HIT, 1 SchH1, numerous CGC and TDI passing pups. She is the granddam of 3 litters – the oldest just having turned 5. They include – 3 TD, 3 CD, 2 U-CD, 2 CDX, 1 UD, 1UDX, 1 UDX2, 10 Champions, 5 RN, 3 RA, 1 RE, 1 RAE, 4 NA, 5 NAJ, 3 OA, 2 OAJ, 1 AX, 1 AXJ. 1 VCD-1, 1 VCD-2, BH, multiple HIT and HiCombined. 15 of Tessa's kids have passed OFA hips/elbows. CH Tannochbrae's Ardfillan Hills, JC



photo by Shelly Brosnan

Druid is 9 years old and still loving life, especially if he is allowed to spend his days on my bed! My first Scottish Deerhound, Druid was also my first special. Although he was a bit too small to be a big winner, Druid provided me with some exciting moments in the show ring including several group placements and an all breed BIS Brace when teamed up with his kennelmate Dragon (who sadly passed away from osteosarcoma 1 day before his 6th birthday)
~Peggy Miller

Blackstar's Apocryphal Tale, CD, TD, NA, NAJ, VCD-1, HT, CGC, TT(ATTS), FMD(Future MessengerDog)



Legend turned 10 in December. Although arthritis in his elbow (the result of a herding accident) has curtailed his performance career, he is still able to participate in his favorite activity – tracking! Legend doesn't care for VST - he prefers rough terrain and deep cover - the deeper the better. So we are concentrating on TDX. Major pointed, Legend never got his Championship – he just didn't enjoy the show ring. And while he gave me my first experience at placing in the group ring (a group 3 in Canada), my favorite memory of Legend may be of his slogging thru chest deep water and 4 foot marsh grass on one of his TDX attempts. If a dog can smile, he certainly was! (Of course, I am hoping that there will be a memory of a successful TDX soon!)

~Peggy Miller

From Betty and Larry Schwartz:

Our dog Mystic's Peridigm, CDX "Sara" died at the age of 13 on 29 January. Sara was the dam of our Dawn – SH Vanity Fair's Mystic Sunrise, RN.

Our Condolences to Jean Kane and Bob Parker on the loss of their Airedale Guy,CD.



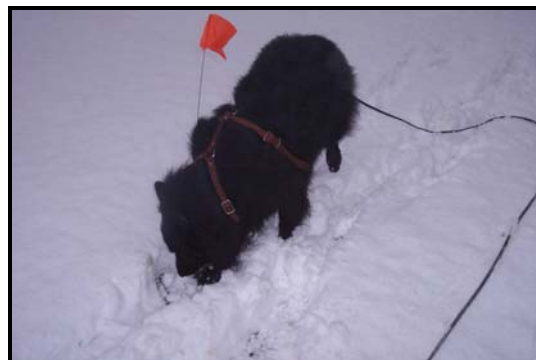
I recently took advantage of the rare snowfall to do some tracking on the neighboring tree farm. While working my dogs I started singing this song. With apologies to the great Gene Kelly!



Trackin' in the Snow
(to the tune of Singin' in the Rain)

I'm trackin' in the snow
Just trackin' in the snow.
What a glorious feelin'
I can see where it goes!
I'm seeing that track
So plain on the ground
The dog's workin' strong
And I'm lovin' that hound.
Let the snowflakes come down
They won't make me frown
C'mon with the snow
And I'll smile like a clown.
We'll charge down the track
And we'll never look back
Just trackin'
Tracking in the snow!

(Helpful hint – it is difficult to sing, dance and take pictures while tracking your dog!)



A Blast from the Past

Snowy weather is nothing new to the Willamette Valley. This photo was taken sometime after December 30, 1967 after 6.7 inches of snow fell in downtown Salem. It was published in the local newspaper and the next year showed up in a local department store's January white sale advertisement. Driver is my dad Don Miller, passengers are my sister Sally Grimes (new member) and yours truly Peggy Miller. The tall structure to the left is the clock tower of the old Salem City Hall. Note the car in the background! Lead dog is Siberian Husky - Cherkoff. Swing dogs Dirty Dalton and Ziggy. Wheel dogs Tula and ??.



Remember when...

Reports from the Rose City Classic

Dreams Do Come True!

By Chris Wallen

Once upon a time – Ok it was actually a year ago – I sat in the bleachers of the Rose City Classic dog show watching the agility events and thought “I want to be here doing this next year!” That was quite a lofty goal as Karbo (Basset Hound) and I had just completed our second agility class and I had no concept of the challenges that we were to face in the coming year. Without much forethought, I made out my entries in early December and excitedly awaited the big event.

Well this past month was the Rose City Classic again and the reality of my actions finally sunk into my brain. Instead of calmly sitting in the grandstands and enjoying the event, I was nervously pacing the crating area feeling nauseous and wondering “What was I thinking?!” especially as Karbo has frequently and consistently pointed out to me that he does not care for interaction with other multiple breeds, is uncomfortable with lots of noise and not thrilled being around crowds of people.

Our first class was Novice Jumpers. Although he had achieved his NJP title two weeks prior (our very first AKC agility trial), I had left him in the novice class as I wanted to see his reaction to this stressful situation. He handled things much better than I did! Although he did do some checking out of the crowd, he was speedy and accurate (even through the weaves) and we had a clean run and scored a perfect 100 by just barley making time (course time was 47 seconds and we ran 47.9) Our novice standard run came very late in the day. Although we had one refusal (my fault as I did not give a clear signal to the dog walk) and we were 9 seconds over course tie, we did get our second Q for the day as well as our second leg.

Sunday started out very early as I had moved Karbo up to Open Jumpers. He is not

ready for 12 weaves, and neither of us are use to the longer courses, but I thought it would be a good learning experience. It was quite the education. A jump set very close to a bar setter and two fumbles in the weaves cost us our three refusals, but we completed the course and we had fun. The afternoon again was quite exciting as we had a stellar Standard run and finished nearly two seconds under course time. Our judge was very enthusiastic and was encouraging the crowd to cheer us as we completed the last line of jumps. This was our third leg in standard so Karbo achieved his NAP title! It also qualified him for his AKC VCD-1 title. I was on cloud nine to say the least.

Monday was just a gravy day. We ran in Open in both Jumpers and Standard. Our jumpers run was again clean but 18 seconds over time. Our standard course was very tight with several bad angles and un-friendly traps. Karbo was very attentive and completed all the equipment. We had a bit more difficulty as we were the only ring running at the time and not only did we have the biggest crowd of the day watching, but we had the announcer reporting our progress.

In the breed ring, Sarge took a Hound group 1 on Friday and Monday. He also made the cut on Saturday (as he did last year) so he will get his fleeting minutes of fame on the Animal Planet when they televise the groups. Animal Planet also asked to take some close up head shots of him, so he will be one of the featured dogs that they show to highlight the group.

The ribbons, the titles, the achievements are all great, but the best memories of this weekend for me will be how much Karbo and I really enjoyed ourselves out there in the ring, and how many new fans he has gained in the agility world. Of course, we could not have come so far without a great trainer who has advised me in how to overcome many of our challenges. I am forever in her debt.



My Weekend at the Rose City Classic

By Laurie Kudna

I went into the Classic needing only one point to finish my Belgian Malinois bitch, Star. I knew it was not going to be easy because we show against her litter sister Zenith. Star and Zenith have been trading wins since the puppy classes. Day 1 judge was Michelle Billings. I was really nervous in the open class – it was just Star and Zenith. Well Star beat her sister for the one point she needed to become a Champion. I was so happy! I thought anything else would be icing on the cake. Well I got my icing as well as my cake, because Star went Best of Winners and Best of Breed for a 4 point major! Later I was telling Catherine Shields (Star's breeder) that the judge looked really familiar but I did not know who she was. Well I now know who she is which made the win all the more special. I went to the group and had a good time but did not do anything.

Day 2 – I moved Star up so she is now a special. I did not know what to expect. Star is my first show dog so all this is pretty new to me. Well in the ring we went Best of Breed again and Star's sister finished. This meant we would be going to the group ring with all the lights, cameras and action for the Animal Planet. I have never stayed to watch the taping so I had no idea what was going to happen or what it even looked like. I was one of the first ones over to the group ring. It would have been helpful if they had someone there to direct a newbie like me. No one really told me what to do or where to go. I just noticed that everyone was disappearing around the curtain they had up and of course thought oh shit! I am going to be last. So I hustled around the curtain to find everyone lining up. I squeezed into place and waited. I was getting really nervous about now when all the dogs

started to go in. Once I did my first run by the judge I was OK and Star was great. While I waited to be judged I played with Star. I had her crawling around on her belly and wagging her tail while we played tug with her leash. She had a blast. Star only noticed the cameras once and she and the cattle dog behind her both watched the camera on the big boom for about a minute and then ignored it. The nice cattle dog handler behind me was very helpful by asking me if I was going to wet Star's feet down with water so she would not get shocked by the judge because of the carpet. A newbie like me had no idea what she was talking about, plus I had no water. She was nice enough to lend me water so Star would not get shocked. It was getting really hot. I felt like I was in a big oven. It was our time to be judged and the ring steward told us when it was our turn to set our dogs up at the light on the floor. When it was my turn, the judge was standing in the spot I was to set my dog up in. So I only had a few seconds to get Star set up before the judge turned around. I was so nervous now that my face felt red hot! We did our down and back and set up for the judge. We were done! I relaxed a bit more and this whole time Star was a super star and handled everything wonderfully. I am so proud of her. I never really noticed the TV cameras. They were not in your face. It was a nice experience and I had fun. Days 3 and 4: We got dumped but had a great time. I was exhausted by the time it was all said and done. Next year it will be Cayenne's turn to be a super star.

Vallhund Fun at the Rose City Classic!

The Swedish Vallhunden of Barb Jette and Cheri Vannoy had a successful show weekend. On Friday and Sunday CH Xsbagcovnt Champoeg Nikki went Best of Breed. On Friday Champoeg Rikkii (living section cover dog in Tuesday's Oregonian newspaper) finished! On Saturday and Monday he went Best of Breed.

Other news

Shelly Brosnan reports: Entering on a whim (a bunch of Belgian breeds enthusiasts were gathering), Dharma and I traveled up to Auburn, WA with a friend from Alaska and her Belgian Sheepdog for a NADAC agility trial. Dharma surprised me by earning a Q and a 2nd place in the Tunnelers class. Her other runs were pretty good as well...small handling errors. I was shocked at how much faster she was in a trial setting than she is in class...woo hoo, I can hardly wait until we are actually, really READY!

AKC Launches Purebred Alternative Listing Program

The AKC launched the Purebred Alternative Listing(PAL) program – formerly known as the Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) program February 1, 2008.

The new name more accurately describes the purpose of the program: allowing dogs that are ineligible for registration but are distinguishable as a member of an AKC-registrable breed, to participate in AKC Companion Events, AKC Performance Events and AKC Juniors competition.

The PAL program is designed to address the various reasons a purebred dog might not be eligible for registration: the dog may be from an unregistered litter or have unregistered parents; papers may have been withheld or lost by its owner; or the dog may have been surrendered, lost or abandoned, then adopted by a new owner.

PAL enrollees will receive a copy of *Family Dog* Magazine, a subscription to AKC's e-newsletter "Your AKC", a flier from the breed's Parent Club and an attractive certificate denoting their dog's place in the PAL program. Also included will be information on AKC Pet Healthcare and AKC Companion Animal Recovery enrollment.

"We currently enroll over 3,000 dogs per year in the program. It is our hope that we can expand this number and the overall appeal of the program by offering added benefits and renaming the program with this more creative and friendly acronym," said Mari Beth O'Neill. "Welcoming more PAL dogs to the world of AKC events and privileges can only benefit both dogs and owners by providing educational resources and also exposing them to the joys of competing with your dog."

Dogs which currently have ILP numbers will retain their original numbers and continue to enter events under that number. PAL numbers will be issued beginning February 1.