

# LICKING RIVER KENNEL CLUB

## NEWSLETTER



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### **\*\*Special Reminders\*\***

#### **We need your new Titles!**

We need your new titles by Thanksgiving. Send Lea Anne your name, dog's full name and call name and the exact title you won. You and your dog will be included in our December awards ceremony. Call Lea Anne at 740-763-0611 with full info or any questions.

#### **Club Elections Coming!**

If you are interested in running for a club officer position or if you would like to be on a committee, please let one of the nominating committee members (Judy Riley, Robert Willis, Betty Willis) know of your interest.

#### **Code of Ethics**

We will be updating our code of ethics at the January meeting. Your input on how our Code of Ethics should be updated is crucial. Maybe you belong to another club and have some ideas you could bring to our club. Please bring your ideas to the January meeting or let one of the officers know of your suggestions. The Board will be updating and finalizing Our Code of Ethics at the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter '09 board meeting. The code of Ethics can be found on our website under the "About Us" tab.

#### **Pictures for Christmas slide show**

You need to get with Pat Smith as soon as possible with your photos for our Christmas Dinner slide show.

#### **Club Dues**

Membership Dues, \$5.00, are due in January 2009. Don't forget to get your dues in to continue your membership.

### **Club News:**

The October meeting was held on October 9<sup>th</sup>. We had no visitors.

Fall Training Classes began on September 8<sup>th</sup> and are going well.

Our November meeting will be an educational meeting with our members presenting the information they got at the OSU Breeders Symposium.

Robert White rescued a Sheltie that had been missing for 29 days. It took him only 2 hours (with a little help

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### **Quote of the month:**

"If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you, that is the principal difference between a dog and a man."

~Mark Twain

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### **Calendar of Events**

#### **Licking River Kennel Meeting**

November 13, 2008 7:30pm  
Southgate Church of Christ  
Breeders program presentation

#### **Canine Good Citizen Test**

November 3, 2008  
Armory in Newark

#### **Christmas Dinner**

December 6, 2008 7:00pm  
Barn On York

#### **Pet Pictures**

November 9, 2008  
12:00 – 4:00  
Human Society

## Breed of the month:



## Mastiff

A Mastiff is a giant breed of dog used to describe many different breeds around the world, all descended from the same root stock. In the US and other English speaking countries, Mastiff is used to refer to the Old English Mastiff (OEM), developed in England and nearly extinct after WW II. With that in mind, Mastiffs (OEMs) are generally very large dogs; fawn, apricot or brindle in color; all with a black mask and ears; possessing a medium to short coat with very little white (which, if it appears, should be confined to the chest but often appears on the toes as well). There is no upper height limit and no weight range in the Mastiff Standard. In height they generally range from the Standard's minimum of 27 1/2 inches up to 36 inches for the exceptionally tall ones. Mastiff males weigh around 160-230 pounds and females around 120-170 pounds. This breed is supposed to be very broad with a huge head, wide chest and large bone, and is longer in body than in height.

A Mastiff should possess a calm, self assured temperament and be devoted to its family and friends. Mastiffs should not be aggressive to humans or other animals, including other dogs. Mastiffs should be steady, gentle, eager for affection, good with children, calm and self assured, and used primarily as a family companion.

Mastiffs excel as companions, family members, therapy workers and as watch dogs. Mastiffs have also done well, when properly trained and conditioned, at carting, tracking, obedience, conformation showing, search and rescue (SAR), and weight pulling. They are also great foot warmers and couch potatoes. :-)

Mastiffs are both easy and difficult to train. Mastiffs are smart, and live to please. However, they go through phases where they are also stubborn, and these phases can last anywhere from a few weeks a couple of times in puppyhood to (in some cases) the lifetime of the dog!

In addition to their stubbornness, Mastiffs have very sensitive feelings, and if they are frightened, hurt, or confused, they cannot be budged. Make training like a game. Use a happy, excited voice. You have to be consistent and firm to train effectively. Once a dog is well trained, it needs practice on a regular basis. Dogs LIKE to be trained because they WANT to know how to please their beloved owners. Once trained, a Mastiff seldom needs stronger correction than a stern voice.

Except for formal obedience training, you can use food treats for motivation. But the best reward for any Mastiff is lavish hugs and plenty of praise.

Mastiffs are excellent guard dogs. They go to the door and bark, their hackles stand up, and they look formidable, but Mastiffs, as a breed, are not trigger-happy. They have a gentle, rather than an aggressive, nature. The protective instinct is shown in subtle ways, such as the Mastiff tending to stand between their person and a stranger. Many people who have kids discover that they can't spank a kid in front of the Mastiff -- it looks worried and gets in between the parent and child! Couples who sometimes play-wrestle together have reported their Mastiff trying to stop them for fear it is a fight.

Mastiffs need the company of their human family much more than some other breeds of dogs do. A Mastiff left alone, tied out, or kept in a fenced yard with too little human company, will either pine away or develop destructive behaviors out of loneliness and anxiety.



## **Brag:**

**Lea Anne Broseus** TJ got Reserve at the Huron Vally Specialty. Amere had pups on 10/19 (3 males). Evan started walking the week of 10/5/08.

**Christy Halliday** Zelda got Best In Show at Berks County Kennel Club show.

**Congratulations All.....way to go!!!!!!!**

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## **Article of the Month:**

I would like for club members to become active in our newsletter by writing articles for our monthly newsletter. The articles would be of topics of your choice (no length requirements) that you would like to share with fellow club members. Please think of articles you could contribute to the club. If you have an article you would like to contribute, contact Pat White at 740-763-0376 or wwgsd@windstream.net.

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## **2008 Club Committees:**

**Training:** Betty Willis, Betty Brown, Carolyn Martin, Bill Revercomb, Judy Riley & Pat Smith.

**Canine Good Citizen:** Betty Brown & Don Butts

### **Show Committee:**

#### Spring

Pat Deucher

Sam Lowell

Pat Smith

Robert Willis

Betty Willis

#### Fall

Lea Anne Broseus

Sam Lowell

Cindy Shaffer-Palur

Wendy Rezendes

**Hospitality:** Tammy Carter, Joan Priest, Beth Uhlin & Joey Visintine

**Christmas Dinner:** Tammy Carter

**Trophies:** Connie Halliday, Lea Anne Broseus & Cindy Shaffer-Palur

**Awards:** Lea Anne Broseus, Pat White, Judy Riley & Joan Priest

**Flowers:** Lea Anne Broseus

**Historian:** Pat Smith

**Club Programs/Public Education:** Sam Lowell, Cindy Shaffer-Palur, June Suain & Pat Smith

**Publicity:** Judy Riley & Lea Anne Broseus

**Newsletter:** Sam Lowell, Joan Priest & Pat White

**Web Committee:** Lea Anne Broseus, Joan Priest, Pat Smith & Pat White

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## **Notices:**

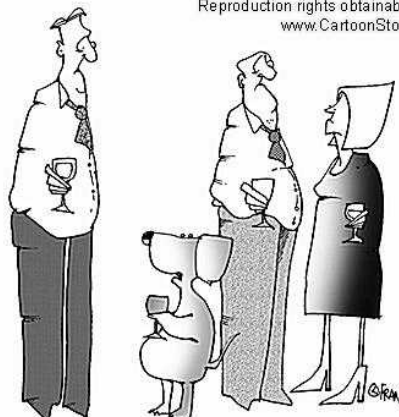
Complete grooming services provided by J & J Grooming Boutique contact Joan Priest. Bring a new toy (for Toys for Tots program) or a canned food item and get \$5.00 off grooming.

**We will post notices for club members here. Just contact Pat White with the specifics of what you want posted.**

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## **Canine Funny Bone:**

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I SNIFF BOTTOMS...WHAT DO YOU DO?