

# LICKING RIVER KENNEL CLUB

## NEWSLETTER



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### **\*\*Notice All Club Members\*\***

**We will no longer mail out copies of  
Monthly Newsletters or  
meeting notices!**

Those of you who do not have access to the Web should contact Betty Willis to continue receiving the Newsletter through the mail. Those with access to the web must now go to our website to see the Newsletter which will be published on approximately the first day of each month. In addition, the dates and times of our monthly meetings can be found on our website.

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### **Club News:**

Our March meeting was an educational meeting and was held on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We saw the second half of the video **"The Puppy Puzzle"** an educational video on choosing a new puppy (conformation or pet). We welcomed two visiting families. Dennis Beougher and family who have Labs and Lori and Craig West who have Collies.

We discussed club members getting reimbursed by the club for a part of the fee for the Breeder Symposium at OSU April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Cindy Palur made a motion that the club will pay a maximum of \$500 divided evenly by all members who attend the symposium. The seminar will then be presented to the club in a training meeting by the members who attend. The motion was second by Pat Deucher and the motion carried by a vote of the members in attendance.

Spring training is off to a good start.

Everything is moving along on our Spring Show. The spring show is in Columbus on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. We still need volunteers to work at the welcome tables. If you have donated a trophy for the Spring Show, please make arrangements to get your trophy to Lea Anne the week before the show. If you have any questions or aren't sure you have donated a trophy, contact Connie Halliday or Lea Anne Broseus.

On a sad note, Phil Machwart lost his beloved Shadow. Shadow has been a valued member of our Canine Good Citizen testing staff and will be missed by all kennel club members. Our thoughts are with Phil during this difficult time.

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### **\*\*Special Reminder\*\***

The May meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

**Licking River Kennel Club Meeting**  
May 15, 2008 7:30pm  
Southgate Church of Christ

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

"The average dog is a nicer person than the average person."

~Andy Rooney

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### **Calendar of Events**

**Licking River Kennel Club Meeting**  
April 10, 2008 7:30pm  
Southgate Church of Christ  
Educational Video

## **LRKC All Breed Show**

April 21, 2008

Columbus Fairgrounds

## **Canine Good Citizen/Therapy Dog**

May 12, 2008 6:30 pm

National Guard Armory

## **Breeder Symposium**

Ohio State University

Sat. April 5<sup>th</sup>

Sun. April 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00 – 5:00 both days

\$135.00 per person

## **Puppy Match**

Dayton Kennel Club

Gateway Sports Park

April 6, 2008

## **Zanesville Pet Fair**

May 18, 2008

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### **Breed of the month:**



### **Samoyed**

The Samoyed, is essentially a working dog and is a member of AKC's Working Group. They should present a picture of beauty, alertness and strength, with agility, dignity and grace. As his work lies in cold climates, his coat should be heavy and weather-resistant. The Samoyed is a double coated dog. The body should be well covered with an undercoat of soft, short, thick, close wool with longer and harsh hair growing through it to form the outer coat, which stands straight out from the body and should be free from curl. Samoyeds should be pure white, white and biscuit, cream, or all biscuit. Any other colors disqualify.

The expression, referred to as "Samoyed expression," is very important and is indicated by

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sparkle of the eyes, animation and lighting up of the face when alert or intent on anything.

Expression is made up of a combination of eyes, ears and mouth. The ears should be erect when alert; the mouth should be slightly curved up at the corners to form the "Samoyed smile."

Samoyed's are intelligent, gentle, loyal, adaptable, alert, full of action, eager to serve, friendly but conservative, not distrustful or shy, not overly aggressive. Because of the Samoyed's intelligent nature and willingness to please, they are excellent candidates for a myriad of competitive venues such as obedience, agility and herding. Samoyeds are the symbol of versatility.

**\*\*CONGRATULATIONS\*\***

Sam Lowell lucky club member who has Samoyed's in her family.

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### **Braggs:**

**Bob & Betty Willis'** sheltie puppy took reserve in Marietta

**Jay Priest** took a 3 pt major with one of Christi's GSDs in Marietta

**Cindy Palur's** little girl earned a point

**Joan Priest's** little girl took a group 2

**Ken & June Suain** in Franklin, TN March 6, 7, 8 & 9

Thurs. – Dreams Claim Jumper 3pt WD/BOW

Fri. – CH Irish Eyes Hawaiian Playboy BOB

Sat. – Dreams Claim Jumper Best Bred by Exh.

& Group 4

Sun. – Dreams Claim Jumper WE/BOW

3 pts & Finished

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### **Article of the Month:**

#### **Therapy Dogs International (TDI)**

Therapy Dogs International, Inc. (TDI) is a volunteer organization (non profit) dedicated to regulating, testing and registration of therapy dogs and their volunteer handlers for the purpose of visiting nursing homes, hospitals, other institutions and wherever else therapy dogs are needed. TDI was founded in 1976 in New Jersey (Founder, Elaine Smith). TDI registers all breeds of dogs. Some dogs have pedigrees, while others have been adopted from local shelters or are rescue dogs.

To belong to Therapy Dogs International, Inc., a dog must be a minimum of one (1) year of age, have a sound temperament and a Health Record Form must be completed and signed by a licensed veterinarian. All dogs must be tested and evaluated by a Certified TDI Evaluator. Each dog must pass the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Test (CGC), and a temperament evaluation for suitability to become a Therapy Dog.

In addition to the CGC test criteria, the TDI test will include the evaluation of the dog's behavior around people with the use of some type of service equipment. Below are the additional testing steps for TDI.

**Equipment:** The dog must be tested around medical equipment (such as a wheelchair, crutches, cane, walker, or other devices which would ordinarily be found in a facility) to judge the dog's reactions to common health care equipment. At the discretion of the Evaluator, this part of the test may be included in any of the other tests.

**Leave-It:** The handler with the dog on a loose leash walks past food on the ground (placed within a distance of three feet) and, upon command, the dog should ignore the food. (Please note: TDI does not permit the use of food/treats during actual therapy dog visits.)

**Acclimation to Infirmities:** This test demonstrates the dog's confidence when exposed to people walking with an uneven gait, shuffling, breathing heavily, coughing, wheezing or other distractions which may be encountered in a facility.

**Say Hello:** The TDI Certified Evaluator will test the willingness of each dog to visit a person and that the dog can be made readily accessible for petting (i.e., small dogs can be placed on a person's lap or can be held, medium and larger dogs can sit on a chair or stand close to the patient to be easily reached.)

Additional Rules for TDI Testing

1. Dogs must be tested on a plain buckle collar or harness. Training collars, training harnesses,

halties, or any other corrective devices are not permitted during testing or visiting as a TDI registered Therapy Dog.

2. Greyhounds are not required to sit for TDI testing.

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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:**

<u>Spring</u>	<u>Fall</u>
Pat Deucher	Lea Anne Broseus
Sam Lowell	Sam Lowell
Pat Smith	Cindy Palur
Robert Willis	Wendy Rezendes
Betty Willis	

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

**Christmas Dinner:** Tammy Carter

**Trophies:** Connie Halliday, Lea Anne Broseus & Cindy 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 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 contact Joan Priest.

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## Canine Funny Bone:



"Laziest dog I've ever had...."