

LICKING RIVER KENNEL CLUB

NEWSLETTER



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****Special Reminders****

New Titles

Remember to get any new titles to Joan Priest by October 1st.

Club News:

The August meeting was held on August 13th. There was 1 visitor, Myrna Cook, who has Corgis.

Training classes begin September 14th with sign-ups at 6:30 at the armory.

Our Fall show will be October 10th. We are all ready to go for the fall show. Connie Halliday and Tammy Carter are taking care of the food & refreshments at the Judge's Hospitality. Don't forget to check to see if you have donated any trophies for the fall show. Also we will be adding an Amateur owner/handler class to the Fall show and there will be Best Puppy classes both Friday and Saturday.

Our July meeting was our picnic and a great time was had by all. As usual the brats, hot dogs and hamburgers were grilled to perfection by Randy & Joan Priest.

We received a thank you card from the Human Society for our donation and a thank you card from Pat White for the flowers. We are looking into purchasing or renting projector equipment to show a powerpoint presentation for training meetings and our Christmas show.

Dee Kirk led a discussion on various new dog rules under review by the legislation.

Elections for Club officers will be held in several months. If you would like to run for a club office,

please contact Pat Smith, Chair, Dee Kirk or Judy Riley to get your name on the ballot.

Quote of the month:

If dogs could talk, it would take a lot of the fun out of owning one.

~Andy Rooney

Calendar of Events

Licking River Kennel Club Meeting

September 10, 2009 7:30pm
Southgate Church of Christ
Breeders program presentation

LRKC Training Classes

September 14, 2009 6:30pm
Newark Armory

LRKC Fall Show

October 10, 2009
Urbana, OH

Braggs:

Pat Smith Cabo (Doc's Baja Surfer Boy) picked up 3 pts (one each day of competition) in Waynesburg, PA in June. Cabo also picked up a single point in St. Clairsville Sat. 8/15 and now has 12 points and needs only his last major to finish.

June & Kenneth Suain "Darby" won Winners Dog, Best of Breed and Group 4 & "Snichers" got Winners Bitch at Huntington, WV.

Cindy Shaffer "Joker" won Best of Breed in Marion.

Sam Lowell Puppy is still alive.

Lea Anne Broseus "TJ" won Winner's Dog 3 days for 4 points at Canfield and got Winners Dog all 4

days of the show among the GSD's and Salukis she was showing.

Joan Priest two puppies born July 1st

Michelle Hawthorne "Ollie" got Winners Dog and 1pt at Grand River. Also "Kizzy", 6-9 puppy got Winners Bitch and Best of Breed at Cuyahoga Valley Hound Show.

Congratulations.....way to go!!!!!!!

Article of the Month:

The 7 Sharpest Breeds

To many dog lovers out there, this study may not come as a surprise. According to a recent canine IQ test, the average dog is just about as smart as a 2-year-old child. And the mental abilities of the smartest breeds are on par with those of a 2 1/2-year-old kid, the findings show

The top dogs, in order of their doggy IQ are: 1. Border collies 2. Poodles 3. German shepherds 4. Golden retrievers 5. Dobermans 6. Shetland sheepdogs 7. Labrador retrievers, says Stanley Coren, a canine expert and professor emeritus at the University of British Columbia. Those breeds have been created recently compared with other dog breeds and may be smarter in part because we've trained and bred them to be so, Coren said. The dogs at the top of the pack are on par with a 2.5-year-old. To find out which dogs had the top school smarts, Coren collected data from more than 200 dog obedience judges from the United States and Canada.

The finding is based on a language development test, revealing average dogs can learn 165 words (similar to a 2-year-old child), including signals and gestures, and dogs in the top 20 percent in intelligence can learn 250 words.

While dogs ranked with the 2-year-olds in language, they would trump a 3- or 4-year-old in basic arithmetic, Coren found. In terms of social smarts, our drooling furballs fare even better. To get inside the noggin of man's best friend, scientists are modifying tests for dogs that were originally developed to measure skills in children. In an arithmetic test, dogs watch as one treat and then another treat are lowered down behind a screen. When the screen gets lifted, the dogs, if they get arithmetic ($1+1=2$), will expect to see two treats. But say the scientist swipes one of the treats, or adds another so the end result is one, or three treats, respectively. "Now we're giving him the wrong

equation which is $1+1=1$, or $1+1=3$," Coren said. Sure enough, studies show the dogs get it. "The dog acts surprised and stares at it for a longer period of time, just like a human kid would," he said. These studies suggest dogs have a basic understanding of arithmetic, and they can count to four or five.

Other studies Coren notes have found that dogs show spatial problem-solving skills. For instance, they can locate valued items, such as treats, find better routes in the environment, such as the fastest way to a favorite chair, and figure out how to operate latches and simple machines.

Like human toddlers, dogs also show some basic emotions, such as happiness, anger and disgust. But more complex emotions, such as guilt, are not in a dog's toolbox. (What humans once thought was guilt was found to be doggy fear, Coren noted.) And while dogs know whether they're being treated fairly, they don't grasp the concept of equity. Coren recalls a study in which dogs get a treat for "giving a paw."

When one dog gets a treat and the other doesn't, the unrewarded dog stops performing the trick and avoids making eye contact with the trainer. But if one dog, say, gets rewarded with a juicy steak while the other snags a measly piece of bread, on average the dogs don't care about the inequality of the treats.

At the bottom of the intelligence barrel, Coren would include many of the hounds, such as the basset hound and the Afghan hound, along with the bulldog, beagle and basenji.

We also love the beagle, which made it to the top 10 list of most popular dog breeds in 2008 by the American Kennel Club. That's because they are so sweet and socialble, Coren said. "Sometimes people love the dumb blonde," Coren said. And sometimes the dim-wits make better pets. While a smart dog will figure out everything you want it to know, your super pet will also learn everything it can get away with, Coren warns.

2009 Club Committees:

Training:

Fall: Carolyn Martin (chair), Judy Riley, Bill Rivercomb, Pat Smith, Robert Willis, John Armstrong, Dee Kirk

Show Committee:

Spring & Fall: Lea Anne Broseus (chair), Sam Lowell, June Suain, Robert Willis, Betty Willis

Hospitality: Connie Halliday, Tammy Carter

Christmas Dinner: Pat Smith

Trophies: Connie Halliday & Lea Anne Broseus
Awards: Joan Priest
Flowers: Pat Smith
Historian: Pat Smith
Club Programs/Public Education: Sam Lowell,
Robert Willis Lea Anne Broseus
Publicity: Judy Riley & Lea Anne Broseus
Newsletter: Pat White
Web Committee: Pat White
Audit Committee: Pat White, Lea Anne Broseus,
Pat Smith, Betty Willis, Joan Priest, Robert Willis,
Judy Riley, Dee Kirk
Nominating Committee: Pat Smith, Chair, Dee
Kirk, Judy Riley. Lea Anne Broseus and Robert
Willis are alternates.

Notices:

Complete grooming services provided by J & J
Grooming Boutique contact Joan Priest.

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

Canine Funny Bone

Ten Peeves that Dogs have about Humans

'4'

Any trick that involves balancing
food on my nose. Stop it!



What do you get when you cross a.....

Pekingnese + Ahasa Apso = Peekasso: An
abstract dog.
