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Dear Northwest Leo Lovers,

We have a great weekend planned for you and your Leos; so come join the fun! The LCNW Summer Regional Specialty, **"All We Need Is Leo Love"** will be held at Argus Ranch on August, 20 to 22, 2010 in Auburn, WA. **The deadline for Registration is Tuesday, August 3, 2010; your forms and payment must be RECEIVED by the deadline to compete in the show.** There will be no day-of-show registrations accepted. The link to the Premium and registration forms has been emailed; they are also downloadable at www.leonbergerclubnw.com. Fill out the forms and email or mail to Club Treasurer, Junko Ferguson (lcnwshows@gmail.com). You can pay via check or PayPal. If you are paying via PayPal, see PayPal instructions at the bottom of the Combined Fee Form. If you prefer the forms be sent to you by e-mail, or to receive a hard copy of the registration materials, please contact Virginia Reid, Club Secretary, at (leovirginiareid@gmail.com) or leave a message at 360-866-2636 and she'll send one out. **Please remember to print a copy of the forms for your records.**

***** Please Note: As of July 1, 2010 the Leonbergers will have been placed into the AKC Working Group. With this move, the LCA is no longer able to issue points for any wins in conformation, obedience or rally until the LCA has filed with the AKC to hold sanctioned matches. The filing of such a request requires a minimum of 26 weeks prior to the show. Since our August show is only 6 weeks after entry into Working Group we are unable to award any points for this show. Look forward to our spring show when our club will hopefully host our first AKC sanctioned show hosted by the LCA. *****

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, August 20, 2010		
Noon to whenever	Set Up	All volunteers welcome.
5:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Wine & Cheese Social	Bring something to share.

Saturday, August 21, 2010		
7:00 am – 9:30 am	Registration Open	Pick up your registration packets and purchased items.
7:30 am – 2:00 pm	Manu's Mocha Madness Open	Gourmet coffee, drinks, & baked goods. Breakfast and lunch available – by pre-order only (see Food Form)
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Obedience Trial	Judge, Mrs. Carolyn Wray, AKC (Ring 2) (Pre-Registration required)
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Handling Class	Don James – All Welcome – Conformation Ring
9:00 am (or directly after Obedience)	Rally-O Trial	Judge, Mrs. Carolyn Wray, AKC (Ring 3) (Pre-Registration required)
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Pee Wee Handlers	8 and Under – Conformation Ring (Pre-Registration preferred, but Day of Show Entry OK)
9:15 am – 9:30 am	Junior Showmanship	Ages 9-13 (Junior) and 14-18 (Senior) – Conformation Ring (Pre-registration required)
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Veteran & Rescue Parade	Conformation Ring
10:00 am or directly after Rally	Obedience & Rally Winners Photos with the Judge	Amateur photographers (club members) available, or make your own arrangements. ***
10:00 am to completion	Conformation Show	Judge, Mr. John Feehan, KC (Ring 1) (Pre-Registration required)
At Judge's Discretion (12:30 pm – 1:00 pm?)	Lunch	Gourmet coffee, drinks & baked goods. Lunch available – by pre-order only (see Food Form)
Directly after Best in Show	Winners Photos with Judge	Amateur photographers (club members) available, or make your own arrangements. ***
Directly after Win Photos with Judge	Group Photo – all attendees human & canine!	Location TBA – weather dependent.
Directly after Photos	Membership Meeting	Update from your board, LCA officers, and elections.
Directly after Membership Meeting	Super-Raffle (for donated items)	Remember to bring Raffle Items for the table. The afternoon Super-Raffle is one of our biggest fund-raisers for the club.
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Judge's Seminar	Mr. John Feehan, KC
6:30 pm	Famous Post-Show Potluck	Bring your favorite dish and beverage to share.

Sunday, August 22, 2010		
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration Open	Pick up your registration packets and purchased items.
8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Manu's Mocha Madness Open	Gourmet coffee, drinks, & baked goods. Breakfast and lunch available – by pre-order only (see Food Form)
9:00 am – completion	Conformation Show	Judge, Mrs. Pat Hastings, AKC (Ring 1) (Pre-Registration required)
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Canine Good Citizen Test	Examiner: Ms. Trisa Hansen, AKC (Ring 2) (Pre-Registration preferred)
At Judge's discretion	Lunch	Gourmet coffee, drinks & baked goods. Lunch available – by pre-order only (see Food Form)
Directly after the show	Winners Photos with Judge	Amateur photographers (club members) available, or make your own arrangements. ***
Directly after the show	Tear down and Clean up	Many hands make fast work—all volunteers welcome.

Argus Ranch, show site information: The show will be in the arena, which is an enclosed building with a very fine bark surface. There's lots of room for crates and such; please bring your own chairs, crates, X-pens, tarps or blankets, and whatever else you think you might need.

Please Note:

Junior Showmanship (ages 9 to 18): Pre-registration is now **required**. No day of show entries will be permitted.

Pee Wee Showmanship (up to age 8) Pre-registration is preferred, but we will continue to permit day of show entries (they just won't be listed in the catalog).

Veteran's Parade: The Veteran's Parade is open to any Leo who is 7 years of age or older by the date of the show. Please complete and submit a dog-entry form for your Veteran even if he/she is not entered in any other event, then complete and submit the Veteran & Rescue Dog Form with a very brief statement (300 characters maximum) about your Leo.

Rescue Parade: The Rescue Parade is open to any Leo who has come to his/her forever home through Rescue. Please complete and submit a dog-entry form for your Rescue Leo even if he/she is not entered in any other event, then complete and submit the Veteran & Rescue Dog Form with a very brief statement (300 characters maximum) about your Leo.

*****Show Photographs:** We are unable to arrange for professional photographers at our shows due to limited utilization of them by attendees in the past and tough economic times. An amateur photographer volunteer will be available once again to take winner photographs for publication in the LeoLetter and on the club website, and to share with the winner. Neither the Club nor the volunteer amateur photographer makes any warranties, express or implied regarding photographers or photographic results. If you are looking for a specific photo resolution, or some other special details, please plan on making your own arrangements for a camera/photographer. Thanks for your understanding.

SUPER – RAFFLE – CASH – RAFFLE - please remember to bring something for the raffle table. Our raffle has become the envy of many regional clubs with our many quality items. The Super-Raffle on Saturday is one of our biggest fundraisers, and we can't do it without you!

President's Message:

Hello,

You are all invited to attend the Leonberger Club of the Northwest's August Specialty, "All You Need Is Leo Love". Held at Argus Ranch, in Auburn WA on August 20th through the 22nd, the show is sure to be a smashing good time!

We will be holding two LCA style shows on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday we have John Feehan, a Kennel Club judge who will have flown from the United Kingdom to evaluate our dogs. John formed his Manorguard Kennel in the 1980s with several other working breeds and imported his foundation Leonbergers into the UK in 1991. His Manorguard line has been instrumental in the breed in the UK with most of their lines having his prefix within the pedigree. John has been awarded the top Leonberger Breeder in the UK nine times and owned the first UK Leonberger champion. John will also be providing us with a short Leonberger seminar on Saturday evening – surely something you won't want to miss!

On Sunday we are pleased to have Pat Hastings as our conformation judge. Pat has been involved in the dog world since 1959. She began her career as an owner-handler, moved into breeding, then teamed up with her husband in professional handling. She is currently an AKC judge of the Herding, Non-Sporting Groups and Working Groups; Junior Showmanship; and Best in Show. She has articles published in a wide variety of dog magazines and is the author of "The Puppy Puzzle."

Our Obedience/Rally judge will be Carolyn Wray. She has been involved in dog training since she was a child; training a dog to earn her first CD while still in grade school. She has experience with a wide variety of breeds, having trained Keeshonden, Shelties, Doberman, Pekingese, and Poodles. She has even obtained a CDX on her Pekingese, Wraynbow Unique.

Of course we will also be host to our usual antics including a rather full and entertaining Pee Wee class - who wants to miss the Chinese Crested or the Pug running around the ring with a bunch of Leonbergers and children? Saturday morning, we'll also be holding our Summer Veteran's Parade as well as adding a Parade of Rescues, so come prepared to applaud. After Saturday's show we will hold our Annual Meeting and election of officers and draw for the raffle - the prize table is always loaded with a range of treasures from huge jugs of dog treats, to Peggy Atchley's fudge, to books and even wine. We will also be having our amazing Potluck on Saturday evening so come hungry! CGC Testing will be available on Sunday morning as well.

Conformation and Obedience/Rally aside, the friendship, camaraderie, and everyone's love of the Leonberger is always the highlight of our shows. We of the Leonberger Club of the Northwest are eager to meet our old friends and to make new ones. See our website, www.leonbergerclubnw.com, for premium information the second week of June.

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JUDGES BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Mr. John Feehan, K.C.: Conformation, Saturday, August 21, 2010:

I was born and raised on a farm in Co. Mayo, Ireland but immigrated to England as a teenager, over 40 years ago. After a number of years working in the building trade, I became a publican and acquired my first Rottweiler. Having been raised around animals, including dogs, I couldn't wait to be in a position to own some in England.

In the mid 1980s I purchased a large boarding kennels, formed the Manorguard affix and started to take dogs more seriously. In the years that followed, I owned and bred a number of the working breeds in my search for the one that most suited me. These included Rottweilers (who will always have a special place in my heart), German Shepherds, Akitas, Bullmastiffs, Tibetan Mastiffs, Neapolitan Mastiffs and Anatolian Shepherds.

Then, out of the blue one day, a Leonberger was booked into the kennels for a long stay following a marriage break up, and that was it for me. I fell in love with her and set about finding one for myself. At that time there were very few in the UK so I decided to look elsewhere and in 1991 imported my first pair from the famous Leonberget'z kennel in Sweden. These were my foundation stock: Leonberget'z Crusader from Atlantis and Leonberget'z Lady in Red. Crusader got to the group final at Crufts in 1992 and 1993 and their son, Manorguard Adam, got Group 2 in 1995. This, in my opinion, put the breed on the map in the UK and they have gone from strength to strength ever since, with most of the current lines having Manorguard in their background. I imported several others from Sweden in the years that followed, to broaden our gene pool in the UK (Swe. Ch. Sund Stamm's Design of Golden Art at Manorguard, "Dart", being probably the most well known of these) and as a result was fortunate enough to be top Leonberger breeder in Britain 9 times.

Sadly, I have not owned a Leo since I lost our beloved Ch. Manorguard Proud Mary, the UK's first Leo champion. These days I enjoy being a ringside spectator, although some would say a critic, and of course judging and learning more about our wonderful breed.

It is a great honour for me to be invited to judge in the USA and therefore I offer my sincere thanks to those who invited me.

Ms. Pat Hastings, AKC: Conformation, Sunday, August 22, 2010:

Pat Hastings has been involved in the dog world since 1959. She began her career as an owner-handler, moved into breeding, then teamed up with her husband in professional handling. She has articles published in a wide variety of dog magazines, and has authored or co-authored several books and/or videos – including "Puppy Puzzle: The Hastings Approach to Evaluating the Structural Quality of Puppies," and "Tricks of the Trade: From Best Intentions to Best in Show, Revised Edition." She is a well-known educator and presenter in the dog world.

Pat is currently an AKC judge of the Herding, Non-Sporting Groups and Working Groups, Junior Showmanship, and Best in Show.

Ms. Carolyn Wray, AKC: Obedience and Rally, Saturday, August 21, 2010:

My name is Carolyn Wray and I live in Oregon with three Miniature Poodles and an oversize Toy Poodle; the gang and I participate in AKC events including obedience, rally, agility and tracking. I have done conformation and herding as well. All my dogs are spoiled house pets and they all sleep on the bed.

I grew up in a dog show family and earned my first CD in 1966 (I was still in grade school). I am an AKC obedience and rally judge (all levels).

I have titled and loved a variety of breeds including Keeshonden, Shelties, Doberman, Pekingese, and Poodles. Achieving a CDX title on my beloved Peke, Kenny, is one of my fondest memories. His registered name was Wraynbow Unique, CDX and he was indeed unique... I miss him to this day.

I bring a varied background to the ring every time I judge and this experience gives me a balanced perspective both as a judge and as an exhibitor.

Ms. Trisa Hansen, AKC: CGC Evaluations, Sunday, August 22, 2010:

Hello! My name is Trisa Hansen. I began showing dogs at a very early age. Receiving my first dog at 7 years old, I began training for obedience. I joined a dog 4-H group at 10 and there I learned about Showmanship and competition. A friend of my mother's gave me a Sheltie she thought would work well for me. Boy did she!! Brandy and I competed very successfully in Jr. Showmanship and Obedience. By the end of my 4-H career, I had received 3 second "Best in State" Obedience awards and 3 "Best in State" Obedience Championships. During this time, I started traveling on show circuits looking for my "Perfect" breed. I have gone through quite a bit in my life. My favorite was my Border Collie "Faith". She became the foundation dog for Faith Kennels. We were in the process of becoming AKC recognized and the feuding was too much for me to handle. I left the Border Collie community and continued my search. While at an International show, I saw my first Leonberger. I was quite taken with the breed but did not pursue it. Since then, I have shown numerous breeds acquiring several Championships. I have become a 4-H leader and judged the Western Washington Fair Dog 4-H project twice.

I have become a Washington State Veterinary Tech and worked for an Exotic and household Veterinary. I was so surprised to see Jennifer and Mark Richardson come in with a Leonberger! A few years later, Fable joined our household followed by Boone and Brandi and we began a show career again. While I enjoy the Leonbergers, my husband prefers a smaller breed. We both decided on the Border Terrier and finally we each have a breed we love.



DIRECTIONS & ACCOMMODATIONS

(www.argusranch.com) 35612 - 212 Way SE, Auburn, WA 98092

From North or South take I-5 or SR 167 to Hwy 18 East. Exit onto Auburn-Black Diamond Road East. Turn RIGHT onto SE Green Valley Road (just past Neely Mansion). Follow for about 7.5 miles. Turn RIGHT at the 4-way-Stop, onto 212th Way SE. Take the first LEFT into Argus Ranch. Look for signed parking areas. Additional directions from other roads can be found on the Argus Ranch web-site listed above.

- 20 RV and camper spots are available for \$20 per night, no parking before noon Friday.
- Day-of-Show Camper fee is \$25 per night.
- Tent camping on field outside of Brutus Hall is available for \$8 per night. Brutus Hall restrooms are available for tent campers. Bring your own towel.
- ***Please reserve your RV or camper spots with your registration.***

Auburn Guesthouse Inn (formerly the Auburn Valu Inn) located in Auburn, WA; (www.auburnguesthouseintl.com), call 800-443-7777.

Kings Valu Inn located in Enumclaw, WA (www.kingsvaluinn.com/), call 888-886-5118. A limited number of rooms are available so please reserve your room quickly.

Motels are approximately 15-20 minutes from Argus Ranch.

CONFORMATION SHOW GUIDELINES AND CLASS DEFINITIONS

CONFORMATION CLASS ELIGIBILITY:

It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to make sure their Leonberger is entered in the correct class.

1. Failure to enter the Leonberger in the correct class may result in disqualification from competition at the event. There is no further penalty for this error.
2. No class shall be re-judged to accommodate a Leonberger who has been entered in the incorrect class. However, if the error is discovered before competition begins in the affected classes, the Leonberger may be moved to the correct class.
3. If a Leonberger is disqualified after being placed in a class, the next placed Leonberger will assume the higher placement.
4. Questions regarding class eligibility should be directed first to the Event Chair for any given event. Exhibitors may also consult any member of the LCA Show Committee. However, the Show Committee, Event chair, or any other individual shall not be held responsible for advice of eligibility based on inaccurate or incomplete information given by the exhibitor.
5. Exhibitors should read the class definitions carefully before entering any show.
6. A Leonberger may not be moved to a champion class without notification of eligibility to the exhibitor by the LCA Points Secretary.
7. A Leonberger will be considered ineligible for conformation competition if it has been subjected to any type of procedure that would change, disguise, correct or eliminate a congenital or hereditary defect or undesirable characteristic with the exception of the removal of rear dewclaws.
8. All Leonbergers competing in regular conformation classes or special adult classes must be intact (except as noted in veteran class). Male Leonbergers must have two normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum (except as noted in veteran class).

NOTE ON GROOMING:

In order to avoid confusion among those familiar with grooming other breeds for conformation showing, owners and handlers please be advised that the LCA insists upon strict adherence to the following language from the AKC Standard: "Leonbergers are presented naturally and untrimmed. No scissoring is allowed with the exception of trimming excess hair on toes for neatness. Any other trimming or shaping of the coat is penalized to the extent that it is effectively eliminated from competition."

GENERAL CONFORMATION GUIDELINES:

- No badges, clothing with kennel names, or other means of identification may be worn or used while exhibiting in the ring. No collars with ID tags on Leos while being exhibited.
- Handlers shall not use pinch collars in the ring.
- If a dog/bitch is owned either wholly or in part by a judge at an LCA Sanctioned Event, the Leonberger shall not be exhibited under said judge.
- Exhibitors and their Leonbergers are not to fraternize with judges immediately prior to an event.

CONFORMATION CLASSES:

Regular Youth Classes:

- **Youth Dogs/Bitches 6-9 months:** Open to all Dogs/Bitches between 6 and 9 months of age.
- **Youth Dogs/Bitches 9-12 months:** Open to all Dogs/Bitches between 9 and 12 months of age.
- **Youth Dogs/Bitches 12-18 months:** Open to all Dogs/Bitches between 12 and 18 months of age. Leonbergers must be moved to the next age class on the “anniversary” of their birth, as per the following example:
 - A puppy born on January 1st will be eligible to compete only in the 3-6 month non-regular class as of April 1st, and until June 30th.
 - At any show held on or after the next anniversary, which constitutes a new age class (6, 9, and 12 months) that puppy will be eligible to compete only in the next age class.
 - At any show held on or after the 18-month anniversary of birth, that puppy will be considered an adult, and will be eligible to compete only in the appropriate adult class.

Regular Adult Classes (Non-Champion):

- **Novice Dog/Bitch:** Open to any Dog/Bitch 18 months or older who has NOT won 3 first place awards in Novice, or won 1 first place award in any other adult class (Bred by Exhibitor, Foreign Bred, Open, or Veterans), AND who has earned NO points toward an LCA Championship.
- **Bred By Exhibitor Dog/Bitch:** Open to any Dog/Bitch 18 months or older who is exhibited by his or her breeder where the breeder is either the sole or part owner of the Leonberger being shown.
- **Foreign Bred Dog/Bitch:** Open to any Dog/Bitch 18 months or older who is from a kennel domiciled outside of the United States.
- **Open Dog/Bitch:** Open to any Dog or Bitch 18 months or older. Dogs/Bitches that are eligible for the Novice, Bred by Exhibitor, or Foreign Bred classes may be entered in this class instead, at the owner’s discretion.

Special Adult Classes: These classes do not compete for LCA Championship points, but the winners of both champion classes and veteran classes compete for Best of Breed and Top Leo points.

- **LCA Champion Dog/Bitch:** Open to any Dog/Bitch who has attained an LCA Championship.
- **Veteran Dog/Bitch:** Open to any Dog/Bitch who is 7 years of age or older, including LCA Champions, and who is either intact or has produced offspring.

Non-Regular Classes: Non-regular classes compete in conformation-type exhibition events, but no championship points are awarded for placement in these classes.

- **Puppy Dog/Bitch 3-6 months:** Open to all puppies between 3 and 6 months of age.
 - Leonbergers must be moved to the next age class on the “anniversary” of their birth, as per the following example: A puppy born on January 1st will be eligible to compete only in the 3-6 month non-regular class as of April 1st, and until June 30th.
- **Spay/Neuter:** Open to any Neutered Dog or Spayed Bitch who is 6 months of age or older.

Junior Showmanship: These classes are an opportunity for our members ages 9 to 18 to learn and/or practice sportsmanship, ring procedures, techniques for grooming and showing their dogs, and bond with their dogs through participating with them.

- **Junior Class:** Ages 9 to 13 years.
- **Senior Class:** Ages 14 to 18 years.

Pee Wee Showmanship: Up to age 8 years. Just for fun, and to encourage our youngest members to participate in the show and enjoy joining their dogs in the ring.

OBEDIENCE SHOW RULES AND CLASS DEFINITIONS

General Rules:

- Bitches in heat will not be allowed to compete.
- No dogs are allowed in the obedience ring before the trial begins.
- All rules and regulations which apply to the LCA conformation dogs and rings apply to the obedience trial.
- Dogs must not have ID tags on their collar while in the ring.
- A dog will be disqualified if it relieves itself in the ring.
- Bait and/or toys of any sort are not allowed in the ring or on the handler.
- Each owner or handler is responsible for entering the dog in the correct class. No dog will be allowed to change class on the day of the trial.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Pre-Novice Class: The Pre-Novice class shall be for dogs that have not received a third qualifying score in a Novice class prior to the closing of the trial. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class, but the same person who handled each dog in the first four exercises will handle each dog in the group exercises.

Novice A Class: The Novice A class shall be for dogs that have not won the CD title and are at least 6 months old. A handler must own the dog entered, or be a member of the owner's household or immediate family, and may not have previously handled any dog that has earned an American Kennel Club obedience title. No dog may be entered in both Novice A and Novice B at any trial.

Novice B Class: The Novice B class will be for dogs not less than 6 months of age. A CD dog may continue to compete in this class until it receives a qualifying score in an Open class or until it has received one (1) High in Trial award prior to the closing date of the trial. This one (1) High in Trial award is in addition to any obtained before or during the 60-day period after receiving the CD title. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. No dog may be entered in both Novice A and Novice B at any one trial.

Open A Class: The Open A class will be for dogs that have won the CD title, but have not won the CDX title. Anyone who has trained or exhibited a dog that has earned an OTCH may not enter or handle dogs in this class. Each dog must be handled by its owner or by a member of the owner's household or immediate family. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. No dog may be entered in both the Open A and Open B classes at any one trial.

Open B Class: The Open B class will be for dogs that have won the CD or CDX titles. A dog may continue to compete in this class after it has won the UD title. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. No dog may be entered in both Open A and Open B classes at any one trial.

Utility A Class: The Utility A class will be for those dogs that have won the CDX title, but have not won the UD title. Anyone who has trained or exhibited a dog that has earned an OTCH may not enter or handle dogs in this class. Each dog will be handled by its owner or by a member of the owner's immediate family or household.

Utility B Class: The Utility B class will be for dogs that have won the CDX or UD title. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class, and owners may enter more than one dog in this class. No dog may be entered in both Utility A and Utility B classes at any one trial.

RALLY-O SHOW RULES AND CLASS DEFINITIONS

AKC Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the Rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin and the dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations (10 - 20, depending on the level). Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience.

The team of dog and handler moves continuously at a brisk, but normal, pace with the dog under control at the handler's left side. There should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during the numbered exercises and between the exercise signs; however, perfect "heel position" is not required. Any faults in traditional obedience that would be evaluated and scored as a one-point deduction or more should be scored the same in Rally, unless otherwise mentioned in the *Rally Regulations*. After the judge's "Forward" order, the team is on its own to complete the entire sequence of numbered signs correctly.

Unlimited communication from the handler to the dog is to be encouraged and not penalized.

Handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, clap their hands, pat their legs, or use any verbal means of encouragement. Multiple commands and/or signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. The handler may not touch the dog or make physical corrections. At any time during the performance, loud or harsh commands or intimidating signals will be penalized.

General Rules:

- All Rally Novice exercises are judged on leash and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash.
- The leash must be made of fabric or leather and needs to be long enough to provide adequate slack.
- Rally Novice A and B must have between 10 - 15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) Stationary Exercises per class.
- Rally Advanced Class. All exercises are judged off leash and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash.
- Rally Advanced A and B must have between 12 - 17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) stationary exercises; courses shall have a minimum of three (3) Advanced level stations plus one (1) required jump per class.
- Rally Excellent Class. All exercises are judged off leash except the Honor exercise. Handlers must provide a 6 foot leash when participating in the Honor exercise. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash.
- Rally Excellent must have between 15 - 20 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) stationary exercises. Courses shall have a minimum of three (3) Advanced level stations, and a minimum of two (2) Excellent level stations, plus the two (2) required jumps and the Honor exercise per class.
- Unlike in the Rally Novice and Advanced Classes, in Rally Excellent handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands, and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Rally Novice A Class: To be eligible for entry in this class, dogs may not have won an AKC Rally Novice (RN) title or any AKC obedience title prior to the close of entries. A handler must own the dog entered or be a member of the owner's household or immediate family. The handler may not have previously handled any dog that has earned an AKC rally title or any AKC obedience title. A person may enter more than one dog in this class. After a dog earns the Rally Novice (RN) title, it may continue to compete in this class for 60 days. No dog may be entered in both Rally Novice A and Rally Novice B at any one trial.

Rally Novice B Class: Any dog may be entered in this class until a qualifying score in the Rally Advanced class is earned. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class. No dog may be entered in both Rally Novice A and Rally Novice B at any one trial.

Rally Advanced A Class: To be eligible for this class dogs shall have won the Rally Novice (RN) title but have not won the Rally Advanced (RA) title or any AKC obedience title, prior to the close of entries. A handler must own the dog entered or be a member of the owner's household or immediate family. A person may enter more than one dog in this class. After a dog earns the Rally Advanced (RA) title, it may continue to compete in this class for 60 days. No dog may be entered in both Rally Advanced A and Rally Advanced B at any one trial.

Rally Advanced B Class: To be eligible for entry into this class, competing dogs shall have won the Rally Novice (RN) title prior to close of entries. A dog completing the Rally Advanced (RA) title may continue to compete in this class indefinitely. The owner or any other person may handle the dog in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class. No dog may be entered in both Rally Advanced A and Rally Advanced B at any one trial.

Rally Excellent A Class: To be eligible for entry into this class, competing dogs shall have won the Rally Advanced (RA) title, but have not won the Rally Excellent (RE) title or any AKC obedience title, prior to the close of entries. A handler must own the dog entered or be a member of the owner's household or immediate family. A person may enter more than one dog in this class. After earning the Rally Excellent (RE) title, a dog may continue to compete in this class for 60 days. No dog may be entered in both Rally Excellent A and Rally Excellent B at any one trial.

Rally Excellent B Class: To be eligible for entry in this class, competing dogs shall have won the Rally Advanced (RA) title prior to the close of entries. A dog completing the Rally Excellent (RE) title may continue to compete in this class indefinitely. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class. No dog may be entered in both Rally Excellent A and Rally Excellent B at any one trial. Two jumps must be used for this class. Jumps may be any jump or any combination of the jumps used as standard equipment in the AKC obedience classes (Broad Jump, High Jump, or Bar Jump), except that 4 foot wide jumps may be used in place of 5 foot wide jumps. Various colors and decorations are allowed; however, there must be nothing hanging from the jump. Jumps may not be used consecutively on the course.

Other Show Details

Fees

Obedience (Registration required, closes 08/03/10)		Judge: Ms. Carolyn Wray, AKC
	Pre-Novice Obedience	\$15.00/dog
	Novice, Open and Utility Obedience	\$18.00/dog
	Rally-O Match	\$18.00/dog
	Both Obedience & Rally-O	\$30.00/dog
Conformation (Registration required, closes 08/03/10)		
Sat. Judge: Mr. John Feehan, KC		Sun. Ms. Pat Hastings, AKC
	Registration (all classes):	
	Saturday and Sunday	\$40.00/dog
	Single day	\$25.00/dog
Junior Showmanship (Pre-Registration required, closes 08/03/10) Classes held Saturday only.		
	Junior Class (ages 9 to 13)	free
	Senior Class (ages 14 to 18)	free
Pee Wee Showmanship (Pre-Registration preferred, Day of Show OK) Saturday only free		
Canine Good Citizen Testing: Examiner: Ms. Trisa Hansen, AKC (Testing Sunday only, see schedule.)		
	CGC Test fees (pre-registration preferred, day of show OK as time permits)	\$10.00/dog
T-Shirts (Pre-order/purchase required, closes 08/03/10)		\$12.00/shirt
Catalogs: One catalog is provided to each family/person registering dogs in show events. If you are attending but <u>not</u> registering your dogs in any events (or if you just want an additional catalog) you can order one. See Owner Fee form.		\$ 5.00/catalog

Manu's Mocha Madness

Now serving breakfast as well as lunch! Once again *Manu's Mocha Madness* will be roaring (or barking), starting first thing in the morning. Junko and her crew can help you start your day right with their scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage or bacon, fresh squeezed orange juice, and of course, coffee beverages. For lunch, we have available: Steak, Chicken, or Tomato & Mozzarella Sandwiches on Ciabatta rolls, and Caesar salads plain, or with grilled chicken or salmon; these offerings will be available on a preordered/prepaid basis. Check out the menu selections on the registration forms! Hot and iced espresso drinks, baked goods, and beverages will be available at any time. Prices are very reasonable so support your club by sipping and dining at the café!

Bakers, we welcome your contributions to the goody table. For questions, please contact Junko Ferguson, lcnwshows@gmail.com, or 425-836-8650.

Advertise

We are offering you the opportunity to advertise in our show catalog. Perfect for the Leonberger owner with a business, breeders, or just to send a message to your breeder, littermates or fellow LeoLovers.

Thanks to the printing research of Tobi Smith, our catalog producer extraordinaire, we are now offering ads at all-time low prices: \$35 for facing center two pages, \$25 for back cover, \$15 for a full-page ad, \$10 for a half page ad, \$5 for a business card ad, or \$2 for a fun one-liner which will appear at random in the pages of the class listings. Be bold!

Please send print-ready ads or your business card (will be copied in black & white, make sure it will copy well) to Tobi Smith at 9222 – 132-A Street, Surrey, BC, V3V 7E1 Canada or email sirbenson99@shaw.ca, phone (604) 930-0505. If you need help with your ad you can bribe Tobi with a donation to the club.

Trophy Sponsorships

Are you wishing to memorialize or honor your special Leo, or remember a special person or event? We are now offering you the opportunity to sponsor the trophy for your favorite class. Sponsorships will be listed in the catalog on a first-come, first-served basis, but more than one person can sponsor the same trophy. You can be listed any way you like, just include that information on the form. It's a great way to support the dogs and their people!

T-Shirts/Other Logo Merchandise

The LCNW will be offering screen printed T-shirts with the LCNW Summer Specialty logo, designed by member and webmaster Maria Nelson. The logo is on display on our home page at www.leonbergerclubnw.com. The t-shirts are available for pre-order/purchase with your registration for pick-up at the registration table on the show weekend. The t-shirts this year cost \$12 each.

Volunteers Needed

The success of each show depends largely on the many people who put in a little extra time and effort to make it all happen. There are many, many ways to help and it's a great way to get to know your fellow Leo Lovers. To sign up, please contact Lori Taft at ltaft@eldoradostone.com, or (360) 435-2026.

B A C L's

Thinking of breeding your dog? Make an appointment to have your dog's BACL done at the show. A limited number of appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis so make your reservations early. To make BACL arrangements, contact Mary Decher by e-mail at Klingelberg@gmail.com (please put "BACL" in the Subject line), or by phone at (425) 885-1305.

Wine & Cheese Social

On Friday evening we will again have a wine and cheese potluck party at Argus Ranch. Of course chips and beer or any other appetizer and beverage are fine too. If you can, please bring an appetizer to share and your own beverages. We'll uncork around 5:00.

Famous Post-Show Potluck

As always we will be having our famous post-show potluck on Saturday night; please come and join in the festivities. It is a wonderful time, everyone is welcome, and the food is always incredible. Bring a dish and beverage to share if you can (a full kitchen is available for preparations) and celebrate another Leo weekend with us.

RULES OF THE EVENT

What To Do If Your Dog Relieves Him/Herself Inside The Arena Building

Argus Ranch is a facility for dogs that provides a wide variety of training opportunities and serves as a venue for numerous different types of dog shows and events. It is very important to take your dogs outside of the buildings to relieve themselves. You wouldn't want to have your dog distracted while in a class or in the show ring by the scent from another dog having relieved him/herself in that area; so please act responsibly and take your dog outside of the building when nature calls.

In the event that your puppy has an accident or your dog begins to mark an area before you can stop him/her and go outside, please get a spray bottle of odor neutralizer from the shelves in the entry area and clean up that area. Thanks for your cooperation.

Cleaning up After Your Leo

There will be a \$25 fine if you are observed not cleaning up after your dog.

LCNW Damage Policy

Argus Ranch is a wonderful facility that we all enjoy for our LCNW events. Our continuing ability to have events at Argus Ranch is directly dependent upon treating the facility responsibly and respectfully.

Accordingly, the LCNW board of directors has established the following damage policy with regard to individuals who wish to stay on-site at Brutus Hall (or other guest facilities) during our events:

- **“Accidents.”** While attending LCNW shows and events at Argus Ranch, it is the responsibility of the individual owner/handler to clean up after any “accidents” (clean-up kits are provided on each floor of Brutus Hall and in the Lodge) and promptly report the “accident” to a board member or LCNW show staff, so they can assess whether the “accident” has caused damage that needs to be reported to Argus Ranch.
- **Damages & Responsibility for Damages.** Any damages to property or furnishings should also be reported promptly, in the manner stated above. The individual owner/handler is responsible for any repair charges assessed by Argus Ranch.
- **Unreported Damages.** When there is damage that goes unreported, the individual responsible will be assessed a repair or cleaning fee appropriate to the costs.
- **Penalty for Unreported Damages.** Individuals who are found to have caused unreported damages will be required to pay for past unreported damages, as well as a damage deposit in order to stay on-site again. If there is no damage or “accident” at the end of the subsequent stay, then the deposit will be refunded. However, if there is additional damage, the deposit shall be forfeited and applied toward repair/cleaning costs, and the responsible individual shall be banned from staying on-site unless and until the LCNW membership votes to lift the ban during the annual meeting of the membership.

Attending with your Female Leo in Heat

Your female in heat is welcome to attend for the Conformation portion of our show; however, females in heat are unable to participate in Obedience and Rally events. In an effort to minimize heat-related aggression incidents, we now request the following if you are attending with a female in heat:

- Please delay set up of crates until after completion of Obedience and Rally on Saturday.
- Crates and family groups are to be set up on the Obedience side of the arena near the far wall. There is a convenient access door there for bringing supplies in and your Leos in and out.
- Please bring a tarp to place beneath the crate of your female in heat and/or on the ground where she will likely be during the show.
- Please keep your female in heat away from the Conformation side of the arena during the show, unless her class is being called or is in competing.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to others.

Notice on Breeding of Dogs at the Show Site

Due to several comments and complaints, the breeding of dogs will not be allowed on the grounds of Argus Ranch. This practice is uncomfortable for some of our members, especially those with children who come to enjoy a family weekend. Persons involved will be asked to leave the grounds for the duration of the show. Thank you for understanding and striving to make this weekend fun for all.

LCA SAFETY POLICY FOR DOGS AT ALL LCA EVENTS

- Dogs must be crated or on leash at all times.
- When on leash, the length must not exceed 6 feet and may not be retractable.
- When on leash, dogs must be under control at all times.
- Dogs showing uncontrolled or aggressive behavior may be asked by the event chair, a board member, or other official to leave the site promptly or be crated for the duration of the event.
- Current rabies certificates are required.
- There will be occasions when a dog will be allowed off leash when approved by the event chairperson.
- Failure to meet these conditions may result in a disciplinary hearing.

LCNW ADDITIONS TO LCA SAFETY POLICY

- Excessive barking or aggressive behavior will not be tolerated. The judges have been advised to disqualify dogs exhibiting such behavior in the ring.
- Continued aggressive behavior will result in being asked to remove the dog from the grounds. If your dog tends to be aggressive, please keep him or her out of the main area and under control at all times.

- If your dog likes to bark in their pen at passers-by, please set up away from the flow of traffic.
- If your bitch is in heat, please set up in the designated area.
- Failure to pick up after your dog may result in a \$25 fine. Please scoop!!
- Please be sure your children are mindful of other dogs.

Guidelines for the Potty Area and Show Grounds

The Potty Area (formerly the Off-Leash area) now has signs posted that all dogs must be On-Leash. If we are sharing Argus Ranch with another club or event the weekend we are there, then we will need to abide by the On-Leash request. If we are the only club or event there that weekend, then we are welcome to let our dogs off-leash in the Potty Area as long as we know who gets along with whom and are careful to monitor the situation and follow the guidelines below.

We all believe our Leos to be big, lovable dogs. They are! But we need to remember that they are still DOGS and will react instinctively given the right conditions. Our shows can be quite stressful for our Leos and this can often cause unexpected behavior.

Over the past few shows there has been an increase in the number and intensity of dog altercations, particularly in the off-leash area. These incidents are upsetting to all involved – Leos and their people alike. Given the worst outcome, a dog could be severely injured and longtime friendships could be ruined. With some simple precautions observed, these outcomes are completely avoidable.

To lower the risk to our dogs, and ensure a pleasant show for all, we ask that you observe these guidelines.

Potty / Off Leash Area

- Minimize the number of dogs in the off-leash area at any one time; preferably no more than 4 dogs unless family units.
- Owners must be in the off-leash area with their dogs at all times.
- Try to maintain a ratio of 2 dogs per person to ensure any issues that may arise can be dealt with quickly.
- Keep young pups separate from adult dogs unless a family unit.
- Dogs who have displayed any dislike of each other should NEVER be in the off-leash area at the same time.
- Only family units together in the area after dark.
- If you don't know how your dog will react with the other dogs already in the area, wait until the area is clear.

Show Grounds and Ringside

- Be mindful of other people and dogs; Argus Ranch is often shared with other clubs.
- Keep your dog on leash and your leash in hand at all times s/he is not crated or in an x-pen.
- Do not leave your dog in a down-stay no matter how disciplined they are at home.
- Do not allow your dog to make prolonged eye contact (stare) with other dogs.
- Do not leave your dog unattended in the show area.

These measures are meant to ensure our shows continue to be the relaxed and friendly events they have always been. Please remember, it's your Leo's safety and well-being at stake.