

# The Lundehund Link

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## Message from our President

By Peter Rousseau

Well, we've done it! We've hit the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 3 major milestones our Association was founded on. In October 2005, we were recommended as the parent club to represent our breed to the AKC Board of Directors. Now, we've received the Board's affirmative vote and we will enter the Miscellaneous Class in July 2008. The remaining hurdle... full recognition, which we will gain in the foreseeable near future.

What does this 2<sup>nd</sup> milestone mean to us, as an organization? It means we need to get out there and ACTIVELY promote our breed. Here are a few ways you, the member & dog owner, can do that:

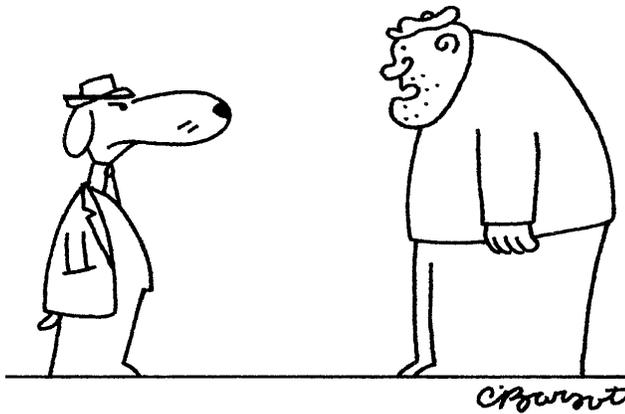
- Conduct a Meet the Breed seminar. These can be held at local shows (*with the local show committee's approval*) and at larger pet stores (i.e. Petco, PetSmart, etc.). If you'd like some handouts or a copy of our (*soon to be finished*) PowerPoint slide show or suggestions on how to do a 'Meet the Breed', please contact your Regional Director.

- Conduct a Judge's Education seminar. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Sharon Pederson, is heading up a sub-committee to formalize our Judge's Education materials. If you would like to present one of these seminars, please contact Sharon for details.
- Enter an AKC dog show! Starting July 1, 2008, we can enter AKC conformation shows. Please visit our website page for information on how & where to enter - [http://www.nlaainc.com/shows/shows\\_frame.htm](http://www.nlaainc.com/shows/shows_frame.htm). Sure, we can't earn points for a Champion title yet, but we can get our dogs seen by the general dog fancy. As we all know, knowledge is half the battle.
- If formal dog shows aren't your 'thing', consider one of the companion events. With the Lundehunds' flexibility and playful nature, they're wonderfully suited to agility competitions. NOTE: Spayed/neutered dogs are eligible to compete in agility. <http://www.akc.org/events/agility/index.cfm>

The bottom line – AKC will be watching to see how active we are with this breed. The more we campaign our breed, the quicker we will be out of Miscellaneous Class and into the Non-

sporting Group. Folks, we're entering the time for you, the membership, to shine. Get out there, get active and get this breed known to the dog fancy.

FYI – Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC Assistant Vice President for Special Services, held a FSS seminar at the AKC Parent Club Conference. One of the points she repeatedly made concerned the timelines. A breed will spend a minimum of 1 year in the Miscellaneous Class and 2-3 years is rather common. I let you know this not to be discouraging, rather to give everyone an idea of our envisioned timeline.



*"It looks bad, boss—they got your DNA off an old tennis ball."*

## Smart Dog

A dog walks into a butcher shop with a purse attached around his neck. He walks up to the meat case and calmly sits there until it's his turn to be waited on. The man before him finishes up his purchase and then notices the dog.

The butcher leans over the counter and asks the dog what it wants. The dog puts his paw on the glass case in front of the ground beef and the butcher says, "How many pounds?" The dog barks twice so the butcher packages two pounds of ground beef.

Then he says, "Anything else?" The dog points to the pork chops and the butcher asks "How

many?" The dog barks four times and the butcher makes up a package of four pork chops.

Then the dog walks around behind the counter so the butcher can get at the purse. He takes out the proper amount of money and ties the two packages of meat around the dog's neck.

The man, who has been watching all this time, follows the dog for several blocks until it trots up to a house and begins scratching at the door.

As the owner appears at the door, the man says to him, "Wow! That's a really smart dog!" The owner replies, "He's really not all that smart. This is the second time this week he's forgotten his key."

## Vaccinations

To prevent serious health problems, all dogs should follow a routine vaccination schedule administered by a veterinarian.

**Distemper:** A highly contagious, often fatal virus that affects a dog's respiratory, gastrointestinal, and nervous systems. Generally, this virus spreads as an airborne infection, so vaccination is the only effective control.

**Adenovirus:** Also known as infectious hepatitis, a viral condition that affects the liver and cells lining the blood vessels and can cause high fever, thirst, loss of appetite, abdominal pain, liver damage and hemorrhage.

**Coronavirus:** A highly contagious viral infection of the gastrointestinal tract. Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, high fever and dehydration.

**Leptospirosis:** An extremely contagious condition that spreads through contact with nasal secretions, urine or saliva of infected animals and can affect humans as well. The ailment causes inflamed kidneys, fever, vomiting and diarrhea. Liver damage can also occur.

**Parvovirus:** A common and potentially fatal viral infection, symptoms of which include loss of appetite, lethargy, diarrhea, fever and vomiting. If left untreated, parvovirus can kill puppies very quickly.

**Parainfluenza:** This virus is one of a number of infectious agents that cause what is often called “kennel cough.” The health condition is highly contagious and affects the respiratory system.

**Rabies:** Rabies is a fatal infection of the central nervous system that can affect all mammals, especially raccoons, bats, skunks, foxes, domestic dogs and cats and humans. Because rabies poses a serious health threat, most states require dogs to be vaccinated against rabies.

Depending on your situation, your veterinarian may provide routine vaccinations for Lyme Disease or Bordatella. Remember that most vaccines must be given over a period of time and require multiple veterinary visits. Maintaining a regular vaccination schedule is an essential part of caring for your dog. So check with your veterinarian and get ready for a happy, healthy relationship with your dog.

*(From Purina.com)*

“I used to look at my dog Smokey and think ‘If you were a little smarter, you could tell me what you’re thinking’ and he’d look at me like he was saying ‘If you were a little smarter, I wouldn’t have to.’”

Fred Junglaus

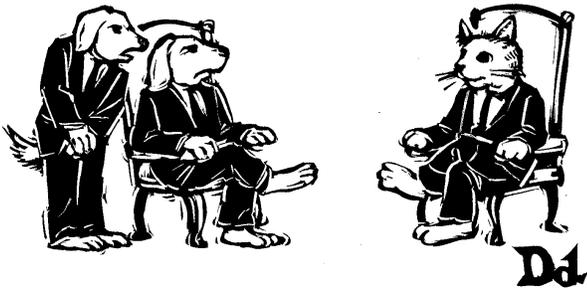


## You Can Now Pay NLAA Dues Through PayPal

It’s time to pay your 2008 NLAA dues and this year it’s easier than ever! NLAA now has a PayPal account so that our members can pay their dues quickly and conveniently. This should be especially helpful for our European members because they can pay in their national currency and PayPal will automatically convert that currency to U.S. dollars.

After money is deposited in the PayPal account it will be transferred to NLAA’s regular bank account. It doesn’t cost anything to set up a PayPal account and those members who’ve purchased things on eBay probably already have them. For more info, type “Pay Pal” into your browser and it will take you to their website.

You can also mail your \$25 dues to NLAA at 715 SE 11<sup>th</sup> St., Battle Ground, WA 98604.



*"You'll have to phrase it another way. They have no word for 'fetch'."*

## Please Contribute...

We love seeing your dogs—send photos! As always, please send news, stories, brags, tips, jokes, to [rwaldmann1@mac.com](mailto:rwaldmann1@mac.com). If you change your e-mail address *please* let me know.

## "Gotta Go" Signs

You're on the phone. You're cooking dinner. There's someone at the door. And your dog has "gotta go", but no one is paying attention. Because dogs can't speak, it's difficult for them to let us know when they need to be let outside.

A dog must rely on non-verbal cues to let you know that he needs to relieve himself. Scratching at the door, staring intently at you or the door, circling a specific area, sniffing the ground and pacing are all signs that doggy's "gotta go." But what happens when you're on the phone or watching television and don't notice your dog's "potty" signs?

Some trainers suggest that owners teach their dog other, more obvious signs like ringing a bell. As reported in the April 2007 *Lundehund Link*, when Donna Dunrud hung a Christmas bell on the back door last Christmas, her dog "Olle" actually taught Donna the signal!

If you want to try it with your dog, here's how to do it: hang a bell on your door handle. If you usually let your dog out in the backyard, hang it on the back door handle. If your dog's potty

spot is in your front yard, tie the bell to the front door.

When it's time to let your dog outside to relieve himself, place him in front of the door and ring the bell. Once you ring the bell, open the door and let him go out.

Follow these steps every time your dog has to go out. This way your dog will begin to associate the bell ringing with needing to go out.

After a week, stop ringing the bell for your dog and see if he will do it himself. If he does, give him a treat and a lot of praise, and immediately let him out.

If your dog learns to make the signal, he can more readily let you know when he needs to go and you'll spare yourself a lot of "accidents." Just ask Donna!



*"Yes, I think we could both use a nice walk."*

*"In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely train him to be semi-human. The point is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog."*

Edward Hoagland