



The Lundehund Link

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Message From the President

By Pete Rousseau, NLAA President

The 2009 elections are now complete. Our Secretary received zero write-in nominations, so our nomination slate stands as elected. Please join me in extending my thanks to the following individuals for stepping up to help run this Association on our Road to Recognition.

Peter Rousseau – reelected as President
Letty Afong – reelected as 2nd Vice President
Harvey Sanderson – elected as Treasurer
Judy Sanderson – reelected as Eastern Director
Nikki Otto – elected as Central Director

I am very glad to see people are still getting out & showing their Lundehunds in AKC venues. Checking the AKC events page (*current to 17 Jun 09*), there have been 81 Lundies shown on 53 show days across 8 states. I was excited to see Kentucky & Iowa added to the list of states shown in. Folks, keep entering your Lundehunds and help spread the word about them. The more the dog community knows about our breed, the better!

Lundehunds in the media – on June 19th, America On-Line (AOL) ran a feature article on the Norwegian Lundehund. This article generated a LOT of attention and numerous e-mail requests into the Board of Directors.
<http://www.pawnation.com/2009/06/19/six-toed-lundehund-worlds-rarest-breed/>

If you know of other advertising or media opportunities, please let your Regional Director know and we are more than happy to assist you.

Upcoming BIG events to watch for:

- 2009 NLAA National Specialty in San Rafael, California
 - http://www.nlaainc.com/shows/Specialties/2009/2009_pages/2009_specialty.htm
- 2009 AKC/Eukanuba Nationals in Long Beach, California
 - Miscellaneous breeds are allowed to show this year! All AKC registered Lundehunds are eligible to show.
 - http://www.akc.org/invitational/2009/index.cfm?text_event_number=2009277101
- 2010 NLAA National Specialty in Fulton County, Ohio

Stay tuned to <http://www.nlaainc.com> for more details.

“My advice to any politician who wants to have good press is to have two kids and a dog.”

Carl Rowan

Congratulations to Nikki!

Congratulations go out to Nikki Otto who gave birth to a little girl named Ansley Jo on June 1st at 10:45 p.m. She was a bouncing 8 lbs 10 oz and 21” long. Nikki says “Pippin and Nenyaa

have welcomed her into our home with waggy tails and sniffs and otherwise act like she has always been here." Nikki is recovering quickly, baby is healthy and everybody is happy.

New Litter Arrives!



Judy Wallace is pleased to announce that Medina Tapperhut and Thunderpaws Kier had a litter of pups the first week of June: three bouncing boys and a little girl. If you're interested, contact Judy at mypiatta@yahoo.com.



Some life forms have higher reasoning abilities than do other life forms.

How to "Lick" Chronic Licking

A little bit of licking is considered normal for dogs. But if you start to notice that your dog's licking is becoming excessive, it could be the sign of a problem.

Acral lick dermatitis is a condition that develops as a result of chronic licking and causes inflammation in the skin. Because the dog continues to lick, the area can't heal and may become red, raised, and even ulcerated. The inflammation can also cause the area to be itchy, which leads to more licking, creating an itch-lick cycle.

Causes of excessive licking

Why do dogs lick themselves, often to the point of creating "hot spots" or sores on their skin? Here are some of the most common reasons:

Allergies. While allergies cause humans to get itchy eyes, dogs get itchy skin. Licking can help relieve the itching.

Stress and fatigue. Just as humans bite their nails or twirl their hair when they're nervous or bored, dogs lick. This compulsive self-licking can also cause dogs to lick the carpet, furniture, or their favorite toy.

Contact dermatitis. This allergic reaction can be from metals, rubber, wool, plastic or irritants such as dyes, deodorizers, or poison ivy.

Atopy. This condition is an allergic dermatitis caused by something your dog inhaled, such as pollen, dust mites, and mold. Signs include licking the feet, inflamed ears, and itching.

When to see your vet

If you notice that your dog is doing a lot of licking on his feet or legs, look closer and see if you find an area where the skin is starting to look red and irritated. If you find a spot like this, have your dog examined by your veterinarian.

Your vet will probably ask you questions such as when the licking started, whether your dog licks all the time or only during certain seasons or under certain circumstances. Your answers

will help determine the underlying cause. Whether it is biological or psychological, chances are your dog will need some type of treatment.

Treating chronic licking

The treatment your vet recommends will depend on the reason for your dog's licking. It's important to stop the lick cycle so that the area can heal. Medications may be prescribed, bitter- or hot-tasting liquids might be applied to the area, or an e-collar used to physically prevent licking. Distracting your dog by playing games or offering him toys and incentives to keep him occupied, can also help break the cycle.

Excessive licking can be difficult to cure once it becomes a well-established habit. The earlier the problem is recognized and treated, the greater the chances for a permanent cure.

(From the folks at Pedigree)

“Some days you’re the dog; some days you’re the hydrant.”

Memo to the Family Dog

When I say move, it means go somewhere else, not switch position so you are still in the way.

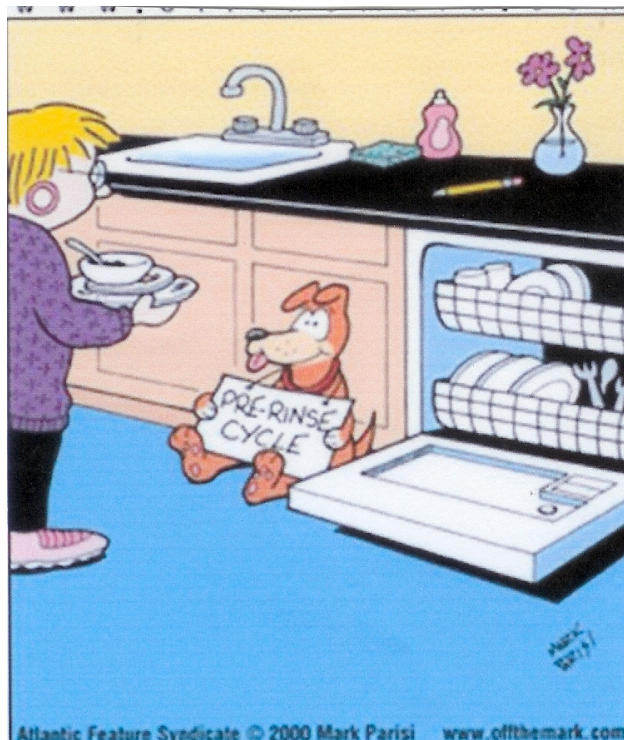
The dishes with the paw prints are yours and contain your food. The dishes on the table are mine and contain my food. (Please note, placing a paw in the middle of my plate does not stake your claim to it, nor do I find it aesthetically pleasing.

I cannot buy anything larger than a king-size bed. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. I also know that sticking tail straight out and having tongue hanging out the other end to maximize space used is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit to the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, try to turn the knob or

get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered.

The proper order is to kiss me, then go smell the other dogs’ butts. I cannot stress this enough.



Walking the Dog

Walking your dog each day is Canine Care 101. A walk provides your pooch with exercise and, of course, a potty break. But there’s another reason why that daily stroll is so important—and it has to do with instinct.

Just as fish need to swim and birds need to fly, dogs need to walk. In the wild, packs of dogs get up in the morning and walk to find food. The pack’s Alpha Dog leads the way, and the lower pack mates dutifully follow. For a dog, walking fulfills a migration instinct.

While letting your dog run around the backyard or taking him to the dog park can be good exercise, it isn’t a substitute for walking. These activities don’t offer the same mental stimulation your dog gets by investigating every

smell, sight, and sound when you take him for a stroll. As you and your dog walk, he's gathering information about how his territory has changed since the last time he was on that same route.

A walk is also a great opportunity to practice obedience skills with your dog and reinforce your bond with him. When you encounter another dog or person on your route, you can help him practice social skills. Behaviorists believe dogs that are taken for daily walks are better behaved and are less likely to be destructive, obsessive, or have separation/dominance issues.

Believe it or not, there is a right way to walk your dog. Your pooch should either walk beside you or behind you, never in front of you. In other words, you should walk your dog, not the other way around. This may seem trivial, but it means a lot in your dog's world. When you let a dog walk in front of you, you're communicating that he's the one who is in charge of the walk. How long a walk does your dog need? You should aim for about twenty minutes, but whatever you can fit in will be beneficial. If you have a high-energy dog, he probably needs longer, more vigorous walks, perhaps even two or more times a day. Or try jogs and runs to get your dog moving. It'll do both of you good.

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To a dog, his man is Napoleon. Hence the popularity of dogs."

Aldous Huxley



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