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Where'd it go?!

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Editors' Message

Time sure flies, while having fun with our Leo's. The first quarter of 2010 is already gone. The snow is gone and the mud is here.

In this issue you will meet the new board members. The new President has set out the agenda for the year, and her address is in both English and French. Thank you Nathalie, for translating for us. Thank you also for your French article.

This is a membership publication so please, please send in your "Leo" pictures, stories, and places you have been to or even hope to go to. I suppose we will tolerate the odd human with Leo article as well.

I would like to thank Naomi for her computer/program/time, as I just don't get this stuff. I can see the new secretary's eyes rolling, as she is a computer whiz, sorry Carrie you will have your work cut out for you dragging us old relics into the present.

The board will be looking for lots of volunteers, so get ready to help on the committees, or to organize an event in your area.

On a housekeeping note we have 32 paid members, 4 of those are new, welcome to the club by the way, and we have 5 members that have not as yet renewed. If you are one of the 5 this is your last newsletter and I am sure you wouldn't want to miss the next one, so get your cheque in ASAP.

June

Cover dog submitted
by Fran Cozens

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Fran where did you get that fantastic
Leonberger sculpture? It almost looks real!



New President Heather Morrison with Nells, (VonLinderhof's Godiva the Lady)

Business and Pleasure

Letter from the President

Well – look where we find ourselves as a Club! A full Executive with a membership that is both supportive and inspirational! This certainly bodes well for the Leonberger Club of Canada!

Just to fill in a few blanks – with the recent chain of events I found myself in the role of President. With Board support Fran Cozens stepped into the role of Vice President and Carrie Anderson became Secretary. I am so appreciative that these positions have been filled so capably.

At this point in time I see my role in the LCC as more of a motivator and facilitator. The purpose in all this is because I feel as a collective we have a wealth of information, skills and initiative within our membership and Executive that needs to be focused to best serve our dogs and people who belong to them.

We need to mix business with pleasure. The club has to continue to become the essential resource and repository for information regarding Leonbergers in Canada – and beyond. Yet we need to provide ways for members to share their enthusiasm of Leos

Affaires et Agrément

Translation by our Quebec Director
Nathalie Dame

Lettre de la Présidente

Eh bien - regardez où nous en sommes en tant que Club! Un exécutif complet et des membres qui offrent support et inspiration! Cela est de bon augure pour le Club du Léonberg du Canada!

Afin de remplir quelques blancs, suite à la chaîne récente des événements, je me suis retrouvée dans le rôle de présidente. Avec le soutien du Conseil, Fran Cozens a pris les fonctions de Vice Présidente et Carrie Anderson devient Secrétaire. J'apprécie vraiment que ces postes aient été pourvus avec tant de compétence.

À ce moment-ci, je vois mon rôle au sein du Club davantage comme un facteur de motivation et de facilitateur. Je sens que, parmi nos membres, nous avons une richesse d'informations, de compétences qui doit être ciblée pour servir au mieux nos chiens et les gens qui leur appartiennent. Nous avons besoin de mélanger affaires et plaisir. Le Club doit continuer à devenir une ressource essentielle et un dépôt de renseignements concernant les Léonbergs du Canada, et au-delà. Nous avons pourtant besoin de fournir des moyens et faciliter les possibilités de toutes sortes pour partager entre membres nos expériences avec nos Léos et donner aux autres l'occasion de découvrir nos chiens!

C'est le moment où vous, en tant que membres, avez la possibilité de participer à ce Club et le modeler en quelque chose qui correspond le mieux aux attentes de vous et votre chien ... et pour l'ensemble des Léonbergs.

Dans un proche avenir, l'accent sera mis sur le site Web. Le site Internet est l'endroit où nous avons un premier contact avec la plupart des gens cherchant des informations sur les Léonbergs. Le site peut également

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and facilitate opportunities of all kinds to share the Leo experience and give others the opportunity to experience our dogs!

This is the time where you as members have the opportunity to participate and shape this club into something that best serves you and your dog...and Leos as a whole.

The focus in the near future is going to be the website. The website is where we have first contact with most people searching for info on Leonbergers. The website can also serve the club as a conduit for all things Leonberger in Canada. For Members we are going to try and create not only an information site but an online community where we can interact at our own level of participation that best serves us - thus giving more value to becoming a member in the LCC.

In the meantime there is the serious work of rewriting the Breed Standard and rewriting a Code of Ethics for breeders. We have started setting up committees and giving them operational guidelines to effectively make the process more efficient.

Please consider volunteering for a committee, event or activity when a request comes forward or at anytime! There is plenty of opportunity to participate in the club. I encourage contacting us with any ideas or suggestions etc that you feel might make the club better.

At this time I would like to thank all of you for the confidence you have placed in me both personally and in the club as a whole. I am doing my best to serve our dogs well.

In the meantime Nells and I have been taking agility classes. We are having so much fun and are working together to accomplish some new skills that build on our already amazing bond.

Hopefully by the next Quarterly Newsletter you will see some tactile improvements and accomplishments with the LCC: In the meantime keep enjoying and loving your amazing Leos!

Now apparently I am needed to toss a Wubba.....

Thanks everyone!

Heather M and Ms Nells – partners for life.

servir le club comme un conduit pour toutes les choses concernant les Léonbergs au Canada. Pour les membres, nous allons essayer de créer non seulement un site d'information, mais une communauté en ligne où l'on peut interagir selon le niveau de participation qui nous convient, ce qui donne certainement une plus-value au fait d'être membre du club.

Dans l'intervalle, il y a le travail sérieux comme réécrire le Standard de la race et la réécriture du code de déontologie pour les éleveurs. Nous avons commencé à mettre en place des comités et leur donner des directives opérationnelles pour améliorer l'efficacité du processus.

S'il vous plaît, envisagez de devenir bénévole pour un comité, un événement ou une activité lorsque se présente une demande ou à tout moment! Il y a beaucoup d'occasions de participer aux activités du club. Je vous encourage, contactez-nous avec des idées ou des suggestions. Aidez- nous à améliorer le club.

Maintenant, je tiens à tous vous remercier pour la confiance que vous avez placée en moi à la fois personnellement et dans le club dans son ensemble. Je fais de mon mieux pour bien servir nos chiens.

Entre-temps Nells et moi prenons des cours d'agilité. Nous nous amusons beaucoup et nous travaillons ensemble afin d'acquérir de nouvelles compétences.

Espérons que d'ici le prochain bulletin trimestriel vous pourrez voir quelques améliorations et réussites tangibles au sein du Club Canadien du Léonberg. D'ici là, continuez à aimer et à profiter de vos magnifiques Léonbergs !

Maintenant, apparemment, quelqu'un attend que je lance un Wubba...

Merci à tous!

Heather M et Miss Nells - Partenaires pour la vie.

Meet the New Secretary



Hello LCC members, I'm Carrie Anderson, your new club Secretary. I am an online business owner and live in Claresholm, Alberta with my two Leos, Billy (m, 3yrs) and Piper (f, almost 2yrs).

As many of you already know, I discovered Leos by accident. Almost 4 years ago, I was randomly clicking images online and came upon a picture of a Leonberger. I thought "what a beautiful creature, I must know more". (note - I found out later the picture was Heather Morrison with her friend's Leo). At the same time I saw this gorgeous dog, I was on the verge of leaving the city of Calgary in pursuit of a quieter, less stressful and non-corporate lifestyle. About six months before this I had left my corporate career due to the progression of my Multiple Sclerosis and was on ALSO on the verge of becoming an entrepreneur working from home (AND could be with a dog all day). It was like the Bermuda Triangle of Carrie, but it was ALL good! I ended up

buying an old house and I renovated it to suit my new family member! Oh... and buy a vehicle that would fit a Leo, and um... build a fence that would provide safety for a Leo. As I learned more, I found out that Leos make great assistance dogs (note - my trainer helped me to custom-train Billy to assist me), I met Lori Dzingala and the folks in the Leosontario Yahoo group, AND began to form a great relationship with Lemaitre Kennel. Billy arrived a week before Christmas 2006. I had never planned on having two dogs - before Billy I had never had a dog. However, I slowly started entertaining the idea of a second dog and began to pay more attention to the warning that Leos are like potato chips, and that no one can stop at just one! And yes, Billy was getting pudgy - he needed more exercise, something another Leo could provide. I knew my two cats were happier because they had each other and there was no way I could play with him like another Leo could - so once again, the triangle came together because my breeder would be able to reserve a puppy for me. The Bermuda Triangle of Carrie re-converged and Piper arrived July 2008. Let the Leo fun begin!

Atlantic News

The show season started in the Maritimes with the early February shows held in Halifax. The show had a large Leo turn out for this area with four Leos entered on Saturday and three on Sunday. The beautiful young female Wanderweg's Four Leaf Clover finished her Championship in fine style at just under 2 years old. Congratulations to all!

We hope to have a Leo gathering later in the summer and are working on the details now!

Submitted by Fran Cozens Wanderweg Kennel



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BC News

Our BC Regional Director Cindy Koppen is expecting a litter of Leos from these lovely parents



Schooner (Musical Interlude von Klingelberg) on the left and Sigi (Bolelejonet Mendez Made by Eddie) on the right, owned by the Dechers of Seattle.



Seelowen Kennel was well represented in the Auburn WA show in early March with Seelowen's Good Hearted Bridget owned by Peggy Atchley went BOS and Seelowen's Grande Chinook owned by Steve and Joyce Thorson won his class.



Ontario News



Balki (Perfect Stranger Vom Welland) owned by Cindy Hunt has been approved for both the St. John's Ambulance and the READ (Reading Educational Assistant Dog) Program. He is sporting his READ neckerchief.

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The weekend of March 13th was an exciting one for GoldnPhoenix Hit the Road, better known as Darcy. Darcy earned his championship title at the Purina National Dog Show held at the International Centre, Mississauga, Ontario. Along with the conformation shows, he was also busy being one of the Leonberger ambassadors that attended the weekend affair, meeting and greeting many new friends over the two days. Darcy has been a very busy boy over the last few months. While working towards his championship title he has also been doing weekly visits to numerous retirement homes in the Durham Region of Ontario as a therapy dog.

He has made us all proud.
Janet and Alex



On January 11, 2010, Monty and Sadie had five pups born at Heronview Kennel. One pup died, and the remaining two boys and two girls have gone on to their new homes. Tegan came to live with us on March 26th, and this photo was taken only a couple of days later as she was already fitting in nicely with the rest of the pack - she would jump up on the hay bale and taunt Odin with her carrot.

Upcoming Events

Booster at Ontario County Kennel Club Show in Orono Ontario. Sunday June 14

Leopalooza, at the Robertson's Farm in Mono Ontario Sunday September 12

Looking pretty bare in the upcoming events how about planning something and letting us know? Even just a get together for a walk on the beach or hike through the woods.

Quebec News

Message from the director

To my fellow members of the LCC

Due to the recent chain of events, leading to Heather Morrison's presidency, I would like to inform you that I have resumed my duties as Quebec's Director for the Club.

I really hope that this new era for the club will allow us, as individuals and as LCC members, to accomplish many positive things to improve the life of the Leonbergers of Canada and their owner's. It's up to us, members, to transform this club into a dynamic tool that would be beneficial to each member and their Leos.

Take care all!
Hugs to your Leos

Nathalie Dame
LCC's Quebec Director

À tous les membres du Club Canadien des Léonbergs,

Suite aux récents événements qui ont conduit à la présidence d'Heather Morrison, j'aimerais vous informer que j'ai repris mes fonctions comme Directrice de la section Québec du Club.

J'espère que cette nouvelle ère pour le club nous permettra, comme individus ou en tant que membres du club, d'accomplir beaucoup de choses positives afin d'améliorer la qualité de vie des Léonbergs du Canada. Il n'en tient qu'à nous de faire de ce club un instrument dynamique dont chaque membre et leurs Léonbergs pourraient bénéficier.

Prenez tous soin de vous et de vos Léonbergs!

Nathalie Dame
Directrice, section Québec, pour le Club Canadien du Léonberg.



Dax 11 years old



Arrakis in the snow

LEONBERGER CLUB OF CANADA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AS AT DECEMBER 31,2009

Opening Balance October 1, 2009		2,464.34
Plus Revenue		
Membership - New		50.00
Membership - Renewal		516.00
Ontario Booster - Orno		95.00
Leopalooza - September		300.00
Sanction Match October - Ontario		120.00

Less Expenses		
BC Booster	176.78	
Ontario Booster - Orno	25.76	
Leopalooza	279.00	
Election Expenses	129.27	
Newsletter Expenses	133.86	
CKC Renewal	53.29	
Ribbons	158.95	
Leonberger Union EUR 59.20		
@1.5484 pls bk chg	94.32	
Bank Charges	14.85	
	1066.08	3,545.34

BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2009 BANK STATEMENT \$ 2,479.26