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The Leonberger Two Step on the beach

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Editors' Message

Well the heat is upon us and that is why this newsletter is so late our brains got fried like eggs on the sidewalk. By the way an egg really cannot fry on the sidewalk they did an experiment on one of the hottest days and the egg did nothing. Anyway back to Leo stuff.

Please check out the LCC's new website at www.leonbergerclubofcanada.com the web team has been working tirelessly on it. Of course they think it is perfect but if our efforts on the newsletter are anything to go by there are some grammatical errors and even a mistake or two. The joys of being human. Please let the web team know if you do find any boo-boos and also please if you have any written content or pictures you would like to submit to either the website or of course the newsletter we are always grateful and appreciative and really, really *grateful!*

As mentioned in the President's address there is a vacancy in the position of Club Secretary, we would be really, really, really be grateful for a volunteer to take on this roll.

Thank you Nathalie for your article in French. For the members who only do English we are working on a more consistent format.

June & Naomi

Cover dogs submitted by Nathalie Dame they are Québéleo Cédalion dit Lowen and Québéleo Callisto alias Malie, but don't ask us which one is which.

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Message From the President

Transparency in a Nutshell

Hello Members! I really hope you are enjoying your summer. We are having the Dog Days here. We have been taking a lot of hikes to the lake or trips to the ocean to cool off.

After trying to write this many times and ending up with long diatribes explaining procedures etc. I decided to try and be concise. Being transparent and accountable is foremost on my mind.

The first draft for the COE is just about ready to be presented to you for your comments. This is the major document for our club that has the

greatest impact on our dogs. This is why this has taken so long. It is important that this document try to encompass all breeders so they have a willingness to adhere to it yet it has to contain standards of expectations that will do best to have our Leos thrive. We have confidence we can produce this for you with your input.

The work on the COE was put on hold as we took on the website. Carrie Anderson had to resign from the board for personal reasons. She was developing the website. Although she has volunteered to do some support for us. Thus we were tossed into a steep learning curve regarding Wordpress and the website. I guess we learned that when push comes to shove we really can get'er done!

The new website will be live in the near future. Although in its beginning stages, it will provide the opportunity for club members to participate in the club on the site which I think is fantastic. We will be developing more member areas as time goes on but for now we think the first live version will give you an idea of what is to come - a source for all info Leonberger.

We have had some difficult moments over the last few months with some unfortunate criticism resulting in time lost dealing with complaints etc. We hope to get beyond this and would like to thank those volunteering for the discipline committee etc. We can always learn from the opinions of others. Communication is key.

It is important is that we adhere to the Constitution of the Club and address any issues from within its boundaries and processes even if it takes time to do so. This keeps us grounded in fairness and accountability.

That being said, the Constitution needs some fine tuning to come into the technological age. To accommodate the revision of the COE we will have to fine tune some areas. We are listing the points and areas of change and will be bringing those to you with the final draft of the COE in the mid to late fall.

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I just want to thank the Board. We are all busy people with busy lives and our time is always at a premium. Needless to say I am one of the worst having been in Denmark for over two months and heading off for September to December. I believe when you see what we are accomplishing and when it goes into action that in future we will have a stronger platform to help our dogs and breed not only survive but thrive you will understand our time frames on this. It is coming....

I will be in Leonberg in September for the Union meeting. I will be pleased to represent our club and dogs. It won't be hard to talk about the future of this club through the actions of today!

I really would like everyone of you to feel that if you have any questions, issues or inquiries regarding your club and what it is up to please contact me or any other board member directly. We will be pleased to answer all your questions as they relate to the club and our dogs.

I desperately hope that after the COE is ratified by the membership we can get to the important work of health issues, nutrition, shows, activities and all other aspects of what it is to own a Leonberger!!

Nells, my Leonberger, being oblivious to all of this, is enjoying a good gnaw on a bone in the garden. As it should be.

I guess I have difficulties with being concise. ;-)

Enjoy!

Heather Morrison

President of the Leonberger Club of Canada



Information from the Québec Director

Bonjour à tous nos membres francophones et francophiles!

Lors de ce dernier trimestre, une très grande nouvelle, une percée scientifique et technique, est venue éclairer l'avenir de notre chère race. En effet, les Universités de Berne, en Suisse, du Minnesota et de Californie aux États-Unis, avec la collaboration de plusieurs éleveurs, ont conjointement mis au point une façon de détecter un gène défectueux, le LPN1, responsable de certaines polyneuropathies chez le Léonberg. Les Léonbergs peuvent souffrir d'une maladie héréditaire neurologique, la polyneuropathie du Léonberg. Les individus touchés souffrent d'intolérance progressive à l'effort et peuvent développer une démarche anormale en particulier des membres postérieurs qui montrent souvent des signes d'atrophie musculaire. La maladie peut progresser jusqu'au point où le chien ne peut plus supporter son propre poids. De plus, les individus affectés peuvent avoir une respiration bruyante, halètement exagéré, ronflements, un changement dans leur voix et/ou aboiements ou même avoir des difficultés à respirer en raison d'une paralysie partielle ou totale du larynx.

Les recherches génétiques menées à l'Université du Minnesota, l'Université de Berne, et de l'Université de Californie à San Diego, indiquent qu'il y a plusieurs types de polyneuropathies qui sont génétiquement distinctes mais qui produisent des symptômes cliniques similaires. Deux sites principaux du génome canin ont été identifiés comme à risque et sur un de ces sites le gène LPN1 a été identifié comme un gène mutant, vraisemblablement responsable de la polyneuropathie en bas âge. En effet un chien homozygote (c'est à dire qui possède 2 copies du gène mutant) a toutes les chances de développer la maladie avant qu'il n'ait atteint 3 ans.

À ce jour, il n'est pas encore déterminé si les chiens hétérozygotes (1 gène mutant et 1 gène sain) pourraient également présenter de légers signes cliniques en fin de vie. Le gène mutant identifié le LPN1 serait responsable d'environ un tiers des cas de polyneuropathies chez les Léonbergs. Les deux autres tiers seraient apparemment causés par différentes mutations génétiques.

L'Université du Minnesota et l'Université de Berne offriront donc des tests génétiques pour la mutation identifiée LPN1 partir du 1er juillet 2010.

Il est recommandé de tester tous les Léonbergs utilisés pour la reproduction.

Il est aussi recommandé d'éviter de reproduire les chiens reproducteurs homozygotes mutants (2 copies du gènes LPN1) ainsi que les accouplements qui pourraient produire des chiens homozygotes mutants. L'exclusion d'emblée des individus hétérozygotes n'est pas recommandée à ce stade-ci car cela restreindrait trop le pool génétique de la race. Cependant, les chiens hétérozygotes pour la mutation devrait LPN1 devraient être accouplés à des chiens testés qui sont exempts de la mutation.

En ce moment, la mise en œuvre des tests génétiques pour le LPN1 ne peut pas complètement éliminer la polyneuropathie de la population des Léonbergs. Le test LPN1 est le seul outil diagnostique dont disposent les éleveurs actuellement. Cependant, il est toujours possible

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que certains descendants soient atteints d'une forme génétique différente de polyneuropathie même si les deux parents ne sont pas porteurs du gène mutant LPN1. Toutefois, le test actuel de dépistage génétique du LPN1 est assez fiable et permettrait à tout le moins d'éliminer une forme sévère d'apparition précoce de la maladie et de réduire de manière significative la fréquence globale de maladies neurologiques chez les Léonbergs.

Le test génétique est disponible au coût de \$85 US, 3-4 semaines de délai pour les résultats. Il suffit d'envoyer une fiole de sang frais (2 ou 3 ml) prélevé par votre vétérinaire dans un tube EDTA et d'envoyer le tout à

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
College of Veterinary Medicine
University of Minnesota
1333 Gortner Avenue
St Paul, MN 55108-1098
Phone: (612) 625-8787 or (800) 624-8787
Website: www.vdl.umn.edu
LPN-specific questions email: lpninfo@umn.edu

Les tubes de sang doivent être emballés dans un contenant étanche et rembourré, sans réfrigération. Les échantillons doivent arriver au laboratoire un maximum de 4 jours après le prélèvement.

Pour plus d'informations ou pour télécharger le formulaire de commande, consultez <http://www.cvm.umn.edu/vdl/ourservices/canineneuromuscular/home.html>

N'oubliez pas la recherche est essentielle à la santé de notre race préférée, participez aux études en cours en grand nombre !

En terminant je voudrais profiter de l'occasion pour vous inviter au pique-nique des Léonbergs, Leopalooza, le 12 septembre prochain, tenu en Ontario et organisé par le Club Canadien du Léonberg. Bienvenue à tous !

Nathalie Dame
Directrice LCC, région Québec
Référence : communiqué émis conjointement par les Universités de Berne et du Minnesota, Juin 2010



News From the Members

The Klebnikoff's - Janet, Alex and Nicholas
Whitby, Ontario

We have had many pets in our home, but all have been just that, pets. Our big Leo boy is a little different. A number of years ago we met our first Leo, Bogie at a large breed dog show. As fate would have it, Bogie is the grandfather of our Darcy, from that first meeting with Bogie, our family new that some day that would be a dog for us. He was a beauty and full of personality. A number of years passed and we lost our beloved Teddy, a golden retriever and our younger golden, Chester, was in need of a new friend. Thanks to the internet we are able to do some research on the breed and were fortunate to find a breeder a mere five kilometres away. Lori was a great source of knowledge and welcomed us into her home to meet her clan. We were sold, we all wanted a Leo. Darcy will be three years old this Canada Day, July 1st and we have enjoyed sharing the last three years with our best friend. Ch



GoldnPhoenix Hit the Road CGN (Darcy) has been a busy boy again. Little did we know that owning a Leonberger was going to make our lives so busy. We started off in May being advised that Darcy was placed third in the Top Show Dog 2009 Awards for a Leonberger. He also received a Certificate of Achievement for successfully completing his Carting Level Two

six week session with the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Ontario this past spring. He continues his weekly visits to some local Durham retirement homes and has made many seniors happy with his visits. Darcy made us very proud after winning, for the second year in a row, Best of Breed at the Leonberger Club of Canada's booster show in Orono, Ontario in June. We now think it is time for some fun and relaxation for the summer, maybe some camping and swimming if we are lucky. Happy summer to all!



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The Birch's – Sonya and Kim

Etobicoke, Ontario

Hi everyone – we wanted to introduce ourselves to the other members of the LCC. We live in Etobicoke with our busy household of 5 cats – Heidi, Oreo, Pippin, Jack and Tinkerbelle, 2 Bulldogs – Bea and Maizy and, of course, Myles, our wonderful Leo. If that isn't enough, we also have 2 Day Gecko's, assorted Beta fish and our dove Hansie. Our son Kevin lives at home with us and our daughter, Sarah lives with our son-in-law Joe and our grandson Brandon in Guelph, Ontario. Sarah, Joe & Brandon share their home with 2 cats and their Pug, Lolita. Sarah is a Registered Veterinary Technician so you can see that the love of animals runs very strong in our family.

Dogs have been a happy part of our life for many years and we are frequent visitors and exhibitors at many dog shows within a 2 hour drive of our home. We have been owned by a number of dogs in our 30+ years of marriage including a Springer Spaniel, 2 Old English Sheepdogs and a Great Dane. We both belong to the Canadian Kennel Club along with the Caledon Kennel Association where Kim holds the positions of Club Secretary and Show Chairperson. Sonya has been attending dog shows and showing dogs since she was 16. She championed Myles earlier this year and is now showing our Maizy in the conformation ring.



Why a Leonberger? Our first introduction to Leo's came at a dog show 7-8 years ago. What a memorable impression – large, gentle, low maintenance, good looking and versatile! It was only in early 2008 that we really started to think seriously about adding a Leo to our family. We had actually been pretty certain that we were going to add a Newfoundland to our household, but we kept coming back to the “drool factor”. We then happened to meet up with a number of Leo's and their owners at a Leonberger booster event in June of 2008. After meeting and spending time with many of the dogs and their owners, it became very clear that a Leo was the perfect choice for us. The breed had everything we were looking for – size, temperament, minimal grooming, and – no drool!

We learned that June Ward was arranging a breeding between Grace (Diosgyori-Sziklas Hedy - CGN) and Teddy (CH Vonlinderhof Cosmos De Manhein CD CGN). As you can imagine, we wasted no time in getting in touch with June and expressing our interest in one of her puppies. After what seemed like an endless summer, Grace welcomed 9 little Leo's into the world on - appropriately enough, Labour Day. We pretty much made weekly visits to June's until November 1st when we brought KUMNC Myles of Birch Bark home with us. A big thank you to June for our wonderful boy.

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Did we mention versatile? To date, Myles has earned his CKC recognized 'Champion' designation as well as being awarded his CGN (Canine Good Neighbour), an award also recognized by the Canadian Kennel Club. Myles has participated in the All About Pets shows held at the Toronto International Centre in both 2009 and 2010. He showed his aptitude for herding by performing very well at the herding instinct test held in May 2009. Sonya is currently working with Myles as he works towards his obedience titles and also his carting designations. Whew!!! And he won't be two years old until September. While Myles may be our first Leo, we assure you, he won't be our last!

We hope to see you all at the next Leopalooza!



Fran Cozens's Wanderweg Kennel Nova Scotia



Wanderweg's Great Adventure took to the show ring in May with a splash obtaining a Group 4 placement! At the tender age of 13 months we believe she is the youngest Leonberger to be awarded a group placement in Canada. Way to go! We hope that she has many more successes in the show ring! What a wonderful show win for this wonderful young Leo! Congratulations to all!

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Cindy Koppen's Seelowen Kennel
British Columbia



In Sacramento California at the Leonberger Club of America National Specialty I am very proud to announce that the Canadian entry did rather well. Friday Best Bred by Exhibitor and Saturday - Reserve Winner's Bitch "Summer" - 'Seelowen's Glorious Summer' Cindy Koppen, breeder, owner and handler. Mark Nelson - photographer for both photos.



Saturday - Best Youth Female - "Addie" - 'Seelowen's Holly Go Lightly' Margot Holtzman - owner
Cindy Koppen - breeder
Cindy Stratton - handler
Betsy Carmona - photographer.



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LEONBERGER CLUB OF CANADA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AS AT MARCH 31, 2010

Opening Balance December 31, 2009	2,479.26
Plus Revenue	
Membership - New	25.00
Membership - Renewal	385.00

Less Expenses	
Yearly Domain Registration	25.00
Dog's in Canada Club Directory Renewal	110.24
Bank Charges	21.08

156.32 2,889.26

BALANCE AS AT MARCH 31, 2009 BANK STATEMENT \$2,843.02

Notes:

Outstanding Cheques - Dogs in Canada Directory Renewal \$110.24



LEOPALOOZA

Leonberger fun day



Sunday Sept. 12, 2010

11a.m -some time in the afternoon

POT LUCK BUFFET, please call to confirm food choices so we don't all bring fruit platters

BRING THE DOGS, BRING THE FAMILY

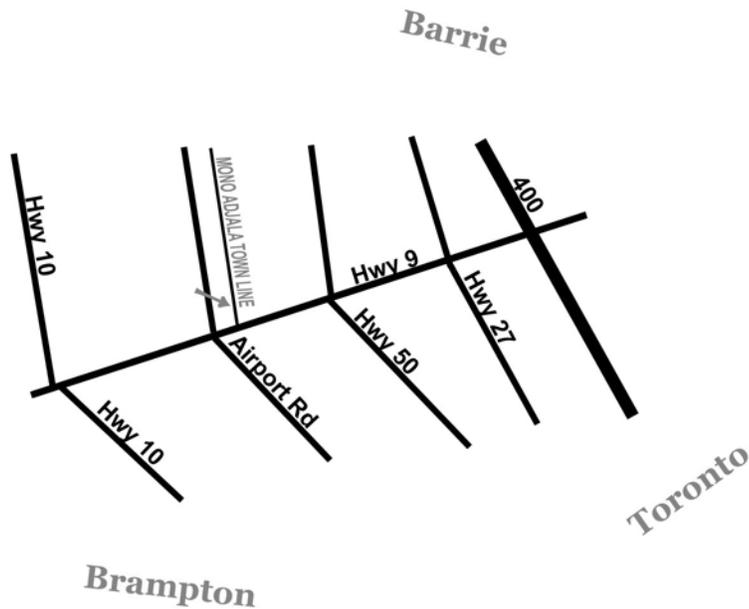
Bring some cool stuff for the fund raising raffle

A percentage of all proceeds to Leonberger Health Research

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MAP AND DIRECTIONS 



Robertsons - Dreamhill Farm

993165 Mono Adjala Town Line
On the east side, 5th driveway up from Hwy #9

FROM THE WEST

- on Hwy #9 just past Airport Road
- stay on Hwy #9, around 'S' bend, turn left at the first road Mono-Adjala
- *Put your left turn signal on early! for the turn.

FROM THE EAST

- on Hwy #9, pass Hwy #50, continue past Adjala Line roads
- Hwy #9 goes into 2 lanes at 2nd Line
- Go up the hill, turn right onto Mono-Adjala

FROM THE NORTH

- from Hwy #89, south on Airport Road or south on Hwy #50 to Hwy #9
- or Mono-Adjala Town Line (at Rosemont - The Globe Restaurant, The General Store) go south, past Equestrian Factory Outlet, The Hockley Store, almost to Hwy #9

FROM THE SOUTH

- depending upon the road you take - north on Hwy 27 or north on Hwy #50
- to Hwy #9, go west on 9
- Hwy #9 goes into 2 lanes at 2nd Line
- Go up the hill, turn right onto Mono-Adjala

OR

- north on Airport Road or north on Hwy #10
- to Hwy #9, go east on 9
- stay on Hwy #9, around 'S' bend, turn left at the first road Mono-Adjala
- *Put your left turn signal on early! for the turn