



Leonberger Quarterly



A truly German dog and yes in dog years he is old enough to drink.

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Editors' Message

Okay, okay we know we are late sometimes life just takes all your time ☺

We would like to do a special Holiday issue of the newsletter with lots of photos and holiday wishes from the membership. **Please send in your Christmas/Holiday/Seasonal messages/greeting/ wishes before December 10, that is the first day of December, numero uno, in the year 2010.** The Winter issue will have more info on upcoming Ontario boosters and a report on the Booster that was held in BC.

Membership renewals are due December 31st, which is the end of the month, the last day of 2010. The renewal form is included in this newsletter for your convenience. We hope that everyone renews their memberships for 2011!

Happy crisp Fall days see you again when the snow is straying on the ground.

June & Naomi

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**Carting demo at
Leopalooza.**
These new members will
be introduced properly in
the Winter issue.





President's Message – Autumn 2010

Clubbing!

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all enjoying the spectacular scenery autumn in Canada has to offer. I am in Denmark, where the landscape is beautiful, but more like a quilt made of many textures of fabric, as opposed to the drama of the season in Canada, where our sugar maples, provide us with flames of colour interspersed with our beautiful evergreens.

I recently returned from Leonberg, Germany and the German Club Show. My report will follow. This experience gave me a lot to think about in regards to our own club. Leonberg provided a

great opportunity for Leo people to gather, not just to show their dogs, but to enjoy being around other people who love the breed as much as they do. I want members of the Leonberger Club of Canada to at least feel this experience too.

A breed club can provide many forms of information and act as a resource for all things regarding our Leonbergers, but the experience should also involve sharing the joy we all feel about our dogs.

I have to thank all those who put on Leopalooza in Ontario and did such a fabulous job! It was a gathering of approximately 40 people and dogs, getting together for some fun, socializing etc. It was a great success and even pocketed over \$700 a portion of which will go to Leo Health. So a big shout out to Lori, June, Janet, Naomi and everyone who contributed, participated or helped out in anyway. I am only envious I couldn't attend, which brings me to tell you to look for a **BIG EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT** in the Newsletter, that ALL members are able to participate in – Leonberger Day in Canada!

Speaking of events with our Leos - every year for the last several years we have participated in an Annual Leo Christmas Walk. Dennis and I enjoy it thoroughly - so do the dogs! These are quite easy to set up (contact me if you want some suggestions) and help inject the Holiday Spirit. There is always a group photo, lots of laughs, and Leo licks! This year Fran and I will be holding one in Halifax! Part of our plan is to recruit new members to the club! More members will be welcome holiday presents to the LCC that we all can enjoy! I challenge you wherever you are to try and organize your own Leonberger event over the holidays – even if it is only with your own dog. Take him or her out in your community, and let people see what a magnificent community member you have in your Leo. Take some pictures and send them into the website for posting! Show others what the community you live in with your Leo is like!

The Leonberger Club of Canada is a community. We share a communal love for our Leonbergers, and work together for the good of our dogs. Its time we took initiatives to expand our community by reaching out to attract new members and to create opportunities to grow our membership.

With an enormous thank-you to Fran and Norm for persevering, we have our super new website up and ready for action! We are making a concerted effort to keep the website fluid,

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active and up-to-date. The goal of the website is to be our public contact point, and resource, but also it's our "Meeting House" on the web for our members – you! It's your site, and we would love you to participate in it by submitting stories and pictures of your dogs and you etc., from any activity you choose – as simple as lovely walks to show events, activities, therapy work, carting, seminars you attended etc. It's our place to share info and socialize as a community. The website is a wealth of information on many subjects and issues that affect our breed. Just submit your info and we will post it in a timely fashion.

Please take the time, to read through the newsletter, and see the heart that we all put into our dogs. Let's share our experiences with others, who have Leonbergers and invite them into our community. Every puppy born is a potential new member for the club. Give them a resource and community to lean on, for support as they raise another one of our fabulous Leos – a membership in the Leonberger Club of Canada. You can always contact me – president@leonbergerclubofcanada - for information on how to join or go to our website where you can join online or contact our terrific treasurer – Nancy Donald – treasurer@leonbergerclubofcanada.com

With that being said, I wish everyone in our Leonberger Club of Canada, all the enjoyment an autumn in Canada, with a Leonberger can bring. For me, I am missing Ms. Nells incredibly, but am being updated regularly with video, pictures and phone calls of her adventures – including the new Borzoi puppy (my friends' new pup) in the posse which Ms. Nells will be tending to! I also coerce nearby Leo people, into allowing me to visit with them and their dogs on a fairly regular basis for Leo fixes! I'll be posting pictures and stories of these encounters to the website. Please consider updating us on your adventures with your Leo by sending in a story or pictures to the website – www.leonbergerclubofcanada.com

Thanks for all your patience and confidence – we are moving forward one paw at a time...

Heather Morrison
President, Leonberger Club of Canada

Information from the Québec Director

Quebec director Nathalie Dame is on pupternity leave, hopefully she will have lots to say and many pictures to share for the Christmas edition.



Leonberg Report

by Heather Morrison



This year more than one Canadian visited Leonberg for the German Club Show! Over the last many years Lori Dzingala has been our only representative but this year she had company! I (Nova Scotia), Cindy Koppen and her husband Jurgen (British Columbia), Janet Klebnikoff (Ontario), Lisa McLelland (Alberta) all attended the show. So we had a pretty good cross-country representation! We

were also joined by Linda Engstrom (LCC Member) and Kimberly and Dave Mallory, Americans who have Canadian connections.

A super time was had by all! How could it not, with all those magnificent Leos around!!! I attended the International Leonberger Union meeting with Lori on Saturday. It was an interesting experience. You could see the hearts on everybody's sleeves for these dogs, even if we didn't all agree on the same ways to move forward for the breed. Impressive was the talent of all the participants to communicate through several language barriers.

Of course, LPN1 testing was on the agenda. It became very apparent that there is a great need for people to educate themselves on LPN and its derivatives. We will have more information about this where you can read about LPN1 often called early onset LPN and Late Onset LPN, which is really a misnomer as it can appear quite early in Leos and should be called LPN2. There is already a good document on the website containing information all should read. It became clear, that even though other breeds present with forms of PN, LPN is truly unique, to Leonbergers, in the form it presents itself. So education is key! This information is as important to owners, as it is to breeders, so everyone should take the time to learn about LPN and how it is affecting our Leonbergers as a breed.

It was also passed that the International Leonberger Union will strongly recommend that Union Clubs put LPN1 testing in their Breeding Regulations/Code of Ethics. The LCC plans to have this in our Code of Ethics revision.

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Testing results should be public and included in databases. The LCC has already started its own database on Canadian Leos. If you have had your dog LPN1 tested please forward the results to info@leonbergerclubofcanada.com, by sending an electronic copy of your documents. We will also be encouraging, that these results, be sent to the international databases. Links to these can be found on the LCC website.

We, as lovers of Leonbergers, cannot be afraid of testing. We need to support each other throughout the process, because this is what is best for our Leos. We need to encourage people through what may be difficult breeding decisions. First and foremost every decision we make, should be based on what is best for the breed, our dogs and their legacy.

At the meeting we were also reminded of an important survey for breeders that will conclude in March. We encourage all LCC/Canadian breeders to participate in this survey which can be found in .PDF form in several languages at the ILU site:

<http://www.leonbergerunion.com/index2.htm>

I encourage our Canadian breeders to take the time to participate in this important survey whether their mating took or not etc. All information regarding breeding activity is important for the accurate assessment of the breeding health of our Leonbergers. This survey does not disclose the dogs involved or their owners. The survey states it is only looking for information to answer three questions:

Are there issues with Leonbergers getting pregnant?

Are there any problems with them carrying a pregnancy to term and delivery?

Are they producing good sized litters of healthy puppies?

The link to the survey will be added to the website. Please take the time to participate in this important survey.

As reports were given by all clubs in the Union it became clear that people are really keen on how versatile our Leos are, and there was a lot of encouragement for members to get out there and try new things with their Leos, such as carting, water sports, agility etc. We would love to have stories from our club members of activities they participate in with their Leos.

Our initiative for Leonberger Day in Canada was received with such enthusiasm that many clubs came up to Lori and I after the meeting commenting on what a great idea it was. With the announcement of Leonberger Day in Canada, and the enthusiasm it was received with at the ILU meeting, we are extending an invitation to all clubs to join us and hopefully make it a Global Leonberger Day! How fabulous is that!?!



LEONBERGER DAY IN CANADA

We are really excited to officially announce “Leonberger Day in Canada” which will be held the third Sunday in February every year. The “First Annual Leonberger Day in Canada” will be held on Sunday, February, 20th 2011. The reason for a February date is that our Leos so love the snow that we thought it appropriate to hold “Leonberger Day” in winter. What we ask is that all Leonberger owners find a way to celebrate their Leo/Leos on that day. You could hold a group activity with other Leos in your area, you could do something to raise funds for Leo Health or Rescue, you could take your Leo for a walk or a play or make him or her a special meal in their honour, visit a friend with your Leo, go somewhere public and spread the awareness of the breed, whatever you choose, we ask that you submit your Leonberger Day activities and pictures to our website and they will be displayed publically so that anyone who visits the site will see how special Leos are in our lives, and how connected the Leonberger community is, no matter where we live!

When we announced this at the International Leonberger Union meeting it was greeted with great enthusiasm with other clubs interested in participating. As our “Leonberger Day in Canada” approaches we will be inviting other countries to join us in our celebration of our Leonbergers and initiate “International Leonberger Day” around the world!

If you have any suggestions or are looking for those to join you in an activity for Leonberger Day in Canada please use either the club yahoo group:



<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/lcmemberslist/>

or contact us through the website:

www.leonbergerclubofcanada.com

We look forward to seeing how our members and their Leos celebrate their day!

What's better than a Leonberger puppy? Two Leonberger puppies!

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LEONBERGER CLUB OF CANADA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AS AT SEPT 30, 2010

Bank Opening Balance Jun 30, 2010		2,120.46
Plus Revenue		
Membership - New		25.00
Leopalooza Fundraiser		831.00
Less Expenses		
Leopalooza Expenses	129.95	
Union fur Leonberger membership fee	90.95	
Bank Charges	5.56	
	226.46	2,976.46

BALANCE AS AT SEPT 30, 2009 BANK STATEMENT	\$2,750.00
BALANCE AS AT SEPT 30, 2009 PAYPAL	\$23.22
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS	\$2,773.22

Notes:

Paypal account balance forward	123.22
CKC donation (paypal)	-100.00
Total Paypal account	23.22

CGN testing at
Leopalooza



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Please fill in your name and and changes to your information

Surname _____

First Name _____

Address _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Website _____ Kennel Name _____

Please update any information, titles on dogs, new dogs, birthdays etc.

The LCC provides a membership list to its members. Your name, address, telephone number and email will be listed in this directory unless you indicate that you do not want to be listed by checking the box below.

Please do not include my information in the LCC Directory

I agree to abide by the Leonberger Club of Canada Constitution and Code of Ethics

Signature _____

Date _____ 20 ____

Single ... \$25.00

Family ... \$30.00

Foreign ... \$40.00

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