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## **BREED SNAPSHOT: LANCASHIRE HEELER**

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Small, powerful, sturdily built, alert and an energetic worker, the Lancashire Heeler works cattle but has terrier instincts when rabbiting and ratting. They have a unique characteristic called the Heeler Smile; when content, Heelers have been known to draw back their lips in an effort that emulates a human smile. In 2003, the breed was placed on the Endangered Breeds list of The Kennel Club, U.K, due to the small number of dogs composing the gene pool and the risk of several inherited diseases.

The Lancashire Heeler's history extends back to the 17th century, but the exact origin of the breed is unknown. However, it is generally accepted that a type of Welsh Corgi was utilized to drive stock to market in northern Wales to the Lancashire market. What is known is a small black and tan dog known as the butchers' dog was common in the Ormskirk area of West Lancashire. The possible ancestors for this dog include the corgi and Manchester Terrier.

These useful farm dogs were bred for generations within this particular district, developing their own characteristics. Once bred as a cattle herder and a ratter, these friendly little dogs have gained popularity as a wonderful family dog.

The breed was recognized by the Kennel Club in the U.K. in 1981 and was deemed a vulnerable native breed in 2003.

Today, there is a growing interest in this great companion dog that happily participates in obedience, agility, rally and herding events. The Lancashire Heeler has gained popularity in the U.S, Sweden, the Netherlands and Australia.

## NEXT MEETING March 18, 2021

Seward Civic Center 616 Bradford St, Seward, NE 68434 No Special Program - General Meeting 7:30pm

# **MEETING MINUTES**

SCKC Meeting December 17, 2020 Meeting called to order by President Tabitha Dvorak at 7:09 at the Seward Civic Center.

Minutes from November meeting read. Motion to accept minutes as read made by Chris and 2nd by Tanya. Motion passed.

Report of the secretary a Webinar on obedience and rally.

Treasures report was read. Motion to approve balance made by Tanya and 2nd by Cindy. Motion passed.

Award and trophy- Tanya ordered 3 additional awards everything is sponsored. SCKC doesn't have to sponsors trophies this year.

Fun match- Has 2 judges and in need of a couple more.

Membership- No new applications.

Goldenrod- Members who qualify for the award are as follows: Mary Bristol, Chris Corum, Tabitha Dvorak, Cindy Hill, and Tanya Williams. Voting completed and winner will be announced at the January awards meeting.

Performance- Chris reported that a money order was given per request to Marissa Nelson for obedience class fee from spring class that was cancelled due to COVID. Obedience class March 15th through April 26th waiting to confirm dates with Mike.

Nominating committee- Chris relinquished her spot on the board. Tanya nominated Diane Nitz for the board.

Nominating committee is comprised of Tanya, Diane, Troy, Alternates are Cindy and Morgan.

Show- Tabitha has received approval for fast cat and fun match from AKC. Fast cat and barn hunt vendors have sent in their advertisement for the premium list. Also to add into the premium list a reminder to get hotel reservations done early due to show being graduation weekend. Sue Murphy, Teddy Gibson, Howard Wurst will be honored at the up coming show. There was discussion about advertising the barn hunt and fast cat in the Seward paper with a disclosure for COVID. No motion and was not voted on.

Discussion about a silent auction of the statues (St. Bernard and Frenchie) and the quilt of breeds given to the club from the Wurst family. 1 suggestion for money received from Raffle or silent auction from statues and quilt would be used for a scholarship. No motion and was not voted on.

Unfinished Business- Send Kathy Jackson your new titles so she can get plaques ordered.

Bieber memorial- Tanya motion to give the \$1,000 to the dog park to be use for the concrete pad at the entrance Bieber's name will be on a plaque at the entrance. 2nd by Diane. Motion passed.

New Business- Awards banquet – La Carreta Jan 21 at 6:30 come early to order.

Motion to adjourn made by Tanya and 2nd by Cindy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09.



### Did You Know?

- The Lancashire Heeler has been assigned the Herding Group designation.
- The Lancashire Heeler is also known as the Ormskirk Terrier.
- The Lancashire Heeler is a rare breed, numbering only around 5,000 worldwide.
- The Lancashire Heeler has been recorded in the Foundation Stock Service since 2001.

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