

# Frontier Leonberger Club of the SouthWest

Great Dogs!



Great People!

[www.frontierleonbergerclub.com](http://www.frontierleonbergerclub.com)

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Hello!

The Frontier Leonberger Club of the Southwest (FLCSW) welcomes Leonberger lovers from all over Texas and the Southwest, including Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Our members include companion dog owners, breeders, trainers, and people who dream of owning a Leonberger. The club organizes two events each year, which include conformation shows, obedience trials, informational seminars, fun games, and social get-togethers.

The purpose of the FLCSW is to provide the membership with the activities they want and need. In order to help us determine what that might be, we have included a brief survey in this newsletter. Please take a few minutes to complete it and return it to us, so that we will know how to serve you better as a club.

Our club now has a new website with lots of info pertaining to Leos at [www.frontierleonbergerclub.com](http://www.frontierleonbergerclub.com). It also has an online listing of upcoming events. Please let us know if you would like us to add anything to the website as it is to be a resource for the membership.

This past year has been a fun one for my Leos and our family. We now have three Leonbergers. Our oldest male, Aidan, got his Water Dog title at the Old West Newfie Club's water trial in September 2002, and in January of this year, took first place in his class and got one leg towards an ASCA Companion Dog obedience title. Our "middle" (as my toddler calls her) Leo girl, Kallie, who came to us all the way from Norway, turned a year old in November, and is dabbling in agility. We also added our newest puppy girl, Deia, to our pack in November.

Our next club activity is coming up in March, and I am really looking forward to seeing several of you there!! Please do try to make an effort to join us, as Leonberger owners in our region are far and few between, and this gives us a perfect opportunity to meet and greet!

Sincerely,  
Julia Brady, President  
McKinney, TX  
[julia@KalahariLeos.com](mailto:julia@KalahariLeos.com)

## Calendar of Events

### **FEBRUARY**

**1-2: Austin, TX**

#### **IABCA Show**

Three conformation shows in one weekend. For more info:

[www.internationaldogshow.com](http://www.internationaldogshow.com)

**22-23: New Caney, TX**

#### **USDAA Agility Trial**

Email Matt Baier for more info:

[mbaier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mbaier@sbcglobal.net)

**22-23: Denton, TX**

#### **UKC Obedience Trials**

Email Patti Murley for more info:

[pridenjoyapbt@juno.com](mailto:pridenjoyapbt@juno.com)

### **MARCH**

**1-2: Houston, TX**

#### **FLCSW Spring Picnic**

Visit our website for more info:

[www.frontierleonbergerclub.com](http://www.frontierleonbergerclub.com)

**7-9: Austin, TX**

#### **ARBA Lone Star Classic Show**

For more info, visit ARBA:

[www.arba.org](http://www.arba.org)

### **APRIL**

**12-13: Denton, TX**

#### **UKC Conf/Obedience Shows**

Email Julia Brady for more info:

[julia@KalahariLeos.com](mailto:julia@KalahariLeos.com)

**24-27: Sonoma County, CA**

#### **Leonberger Club of America Annual National Specialty**

The biggest Leonberger event each year, where you can see the most Leos in one place! For more, visit:

[www.norcal-leonbergers.org](http://www.norcal-leonbergers.org)

## **Leonberger Rescue:**

We have a National Rescue Committee for Leonbergers with representatives in several regions across the country who help with placing rescue Leos into new homes. The rescue committee needs assistance in educating shelters about Leonbergers, identifying potential rescues, temporarily fostering rescue dogs, and transporting rescue Leonbergers across regions. If you are willing to assist in any of these areas, please visit the Leonberger Rescue website and fill out the volunteer form online. It only takes a few minutes of your time and will make it so much easier for a Rescue Representative to reach you when they desperately need your help!

The web address is: **[www.leonberger.com/LeoRescue/volunteer.html](http://www.leonberger.com/LeoRescue/volunteer.html)**

The Rescue Representatives for our region are:

Julia Brady  
972-540-1424

[Julia@KalahariLeos.com](mailto:Julia@KalahariLeos.com)

Peggy Walker  
214-828-1858

[p.walker@ix.netcom.com](mailto:p.walker@ix.netcom.com)

## **Membership Information:**

Any LCA (Leonberger Club of America) member in good standing is welcome to join our club! We do not limit membership to our geographical region. A single membership in the FLCSW carries one vote, while a family membership carries two votes. Voting is conducted at our Annual Meeting. All members receive our Quarterly Newsletter. Annual dues are \$15.00 for a Single Membership and \$20.00 for a Family Membership. We have teamed up with Pay Pal to accept online membership applications on our club website. It's fast, easy and completely safe!

**Visit:**

**[www.frontierleonbergerclub.com](http://www.frontierleonbergerclub.com)**

**to sign up online!**

## **Club Merchandise:**

We are very pleased to be able to offer you FLCSW T-shirts and sweatshirts for sale. The shirts are white in color with beautiful Leonberger artwork by Jenny Kennish on the front, and the Frontier Leonberger Club of the Southwest logo on the back. The T-Shirts are 100% cotton and come in sizes S-XL. The sweatshirts are jersey and come in sizes M-XL.

**T-Shirts: \$16.95**

**Sweatshirts: \$21.95**

**Shipping: \$3.30**

To order, please contact:

Jeanette Nordberg

**817-354-6656**

**[iramble@attbi.com](mailto:iramble@attbi.com)**

Let us know if you have suggestions for items that the FLCSW Boutique should carry!

**FLCSW Membership Survey:**

Please circle all answers that apply to you. Thanks!!

**1. Please list the kennel/registered names, the call names, and the ages of each of your dogs:**

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)

**2. What activities do you do with your Leonberger(s)?**

Companionship    Agility    Conformation    Obedience    Pet Therapy

Water Rescue    Draft    Other:

**3. What activities are you interested in doing with the FLCSW?**

Conformation    Informational seminars    Picnics    Monthly walks    Training

If training, what type:

**4. Would you be interested in leading/conducting any of the activities you listed above?**

**5. Where would you like to see FLCSW activities held?**

Austin, TX    Houston, TX    DFW, TX    Louisiana    Other:

**6. How often would you attend an FLCSW activity?**

Monthly    Quarterly    Twice a year    Once a year

**7. How far are you willing to travel to attend an FLCSW event?**

**8. Other comments:**

**Name:**  
**Address:**  
**Phone:**  
**Email:**

**Please return this survey to:**  
**Julia Brady**  
**601 Summer Hill Court**  
**McKinney, TX 75070**

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Join your Leo friends for a  
fun & educational weekend at our  
**Annual FLCSW Picnic**  
**The Woodlands, TX (near Houston)**  
**March 1-2, 2003**  
Watch your mail for more details  
or visit our new website at:  
[www.frontierleonbergerclub.com](http://www.frontierleonbergerclub.com)

### **“Touch” Is A Good Thing To Know!**

“Touch” – having your dog touch your hand, is a natural action for her, extremely useful for you, and easy to teach! What more could you ask for?

Dogs instinctively touch your hand if it is in front of them. To teach your dog to do this on command, stand in front of her, and place your hand palm out several inches in front of her nose. When she touches your palm with her nose, give her a treat. If you clicker train, click and treat.

When she is reliably touching your hand in that position, move your hand so she learns to move towards it.

Since Leos do not lend themselves to being picked up and placed where you would like them to be, “touch” comes in handy for many things you do, for example, when you pose your Leo for pictures, turn her around to brush her other side, ask her to move forward to a new spot, bring her into position on either your

left or right side, and move her into heel position if she is lagging.

“Touch” is also a good game to get your dog moving and excited before training. Holding your hand up high so your dog must aim and jump, takes concentration.

You are limited only by your imagination and your Leo’s cooperation!

-Kelly Schlesinger  
The Woodlands, TX