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From the President

Its summertime, finally after a horrible winter, and all kinds of strange weather. I'd like to thank everyone that joined us at our Fun in the Sun Specialty in June. It was a couple of fun days with great Labradors and lots of nice people. I'd like to thank our Show Chair Lisa Kinsman for a job well done once again. Thanks also to our Obedience Chair Gerrie Owren, Rally Chair Gayle Abrams; Chief Stewards Elly Hawkins, Fran Masters, and Deb Conroy; our Trophy and Prize masters Marilyn Meewes, Mary Jo Mansfield, and Gerrie Owren; Darcy Kane for handling the advertising; our Raffle masters Elaine Capone & Fredderica Vecchi, Chief Cook and bottle washers; Lynda Jarrett and Lisa Kinsman; Scott Shaw and crew for the Thursday night dinner, and thanks to Robin, editor of all things Labrador for the premium. I hope I didn't leave anyone out, I really appreciate all the help we received from folks willing to help set up and help things run smoothly. We always need more volunteers, and hope that as you look at the events coming up that there might be something where you too could come and help out. Its fun, and while we're all busy folks, a few hours helping club events run more smoothly is fun time well spent.

Have a great Summer!

Club News

<http://www.lrcgb.org/blog/>

Check out this new area of our club site.

LRCGB Spring Match Results:

Obedience:

Judge: Sandy Madden

Grad Novice: no qualifers

Beg Novice:

1st 4 - Jayhawks Cool Hand Luke of Little River, O. Joanie Viator

2nd 24 - Hawk, O. Barb Burri

Rally:

Judge: Danette Smith

Sweeps:

Judge: Robyn Haskins

Best in Sweeps:

30 "Boom Boom" puppy bitch 6-9, O: Marilyn Meewes

Best of Opp

38 Willcare's the Buck Stops Here

Dogs:

3-4 mos

1st 38 Willcare's the Buck Stops Here

4-6 mos

1st 29 "Scout" O: M. Meewes

2nd 50 Handy Hills Candy Man O: S. Von Jess

3rd 22 "Merlin" O: E. Kelly

6-9 mos

1st: 45 "Johnny", O: A. Oles

2nd 23 "Dually" O: A. Crosby

3rd 7 "Tank" O: E. Kelly

4th 36 "Kona", O: D. Evans

Sweeps:

Bitches

4-6 mos

1st 30 "Boom Boom", O: M. Meewes

2nd 28 "Cheeky", O: M. Meewes

3rd 40 "Majestx Willcare's Mallory

4th 42 "Tina", O: S. McLean

6-9 mos

1st 37 Leleia, O: D. Evans

2nd 15 Woodloch Coastal Artillery, O: S. Follansbee

3rd 32 "Pheona, O: M. Troy

4th 18 "Luna" O: D. Acgast

9-12 mos

1st 41 Abernaki Destiny of Willcare

2nd 21 "Peanut", O: K. Conroy

Veteran Sweeps:

Best Veteran: 2 "Hawk", O: B. Burri

Regular Classes

Judge: Debbie Roche

Best Puppy: "Cheeky", O: M. Meewes

Best of Opp Puppy: "Scout"; O: M. Meewes

Puppy Dogs:

3-4 mos

1st 38 Willcare's the Buck Stops Here; O: S. Willumsen

4-6 mos

1st 29 "Scout"; O: M. Meewes

2nd 50 Handy Hill's Candy Man; O: S. Von Jess

3rd 22 "Merlin"; O: E. Kelly

4th 52 "Wauwinet"; O: R. Rasinski

6-9 mos

1st 45 "Johnny"; O: A. Oles

2nd 23 "Dually"; O: A. Crosby

3rd 7 "Tank"; O: E. Kelly

4th 36 "Kona"; O: D. Evans

Puppy Bitches:

3-4 mos

1st 20 "Raschel"; O: D. Conway

2 14 "keller"; O: D. Conway

4-6 mos

1st 28 "Cheeky"; O: M. Meewes

2nd 30 "Boom Boom"; O: M. Meewes

3rd 151 Aquarius Merrill's Mauraunders at Handy Hill; O: S. Von Jess

4th 161 "Gabby"; O: M. Meewes

6-9 mos

1st 46 "Kellog"; O: A. Oles

2nd 37 "Leleia"; O: D. Evans

3rd 8 Woodloch's Paisley; O: S. Follansbee

4th 15 Woodloch's Coastal Artillery; O: D. Ayast

9-12 mos

1st 41 Abernaki Destiny of Willcare; O: S. Willumsen

2nd 21 "Peanut"; O: K. Conroy

Adult Dogs:

Best Adult:

19 "Sally"; O: E. Kelly

Best Opp Adult:

6 Woodloch's Heavy Artillery

Am Bred:

1st 13 Jayhawks Cool Hand Luke of Little River; O: J. Viator

Open

1st 6 Woodloch Heavy Artillery; O: A. Follansbee

2nd 44 "Brendan"; O: S. McLean

Altered:

1st 25 "Merli"; O: B. Burri

Adult Bitches:

Novice

1st 19 "Sally"; O: E. Kelly

BBE

1st 47 "Nora"; O: A. Oles

Am Bred

1st 17 "Betty"; O: B. Volle

Open

1st 31 "Nora"; O: M. Troy

2nd 35 "Martha"; O: M. Troy

Veteran 7-10

1st 155 Danbridge Kathryn's Emmy Award, CDX, RAS; O: S. Cardello

Veteran 10+

1st 2 "Hawk"; O: B. Burri

Photos of this and other events are on the club web site:
www.lrcgb.org

The Working Certificate is July 17th.

Please join us for a fun day in the field – fun for dogs and owners.

According to the LRC: No member of the Club shall use the title "CH" in front of the name of a registered Labrador Retriever dog until said dog, having won a conformation championship, shall also receive a working certificate or the equivalent .

Prove your pups prowess! Learn more/ Register at:

<http://conta.cc/jzOPEO>



Richard Lewontin, a famous figure in evolutionary genetics, wrote *The Triple Helix: Gene, Organism, and Environment* in 2000, in part as a warning against the idea that organisms are simply products of

their genes. Breeders know that just because breeding stock have desirable traits is no guarantee that those traits will show up in offspring of a breeding, and undesirable traits can show up in offspring even when the dam and sire don't have these traits. The simplest case of inheritance involve dominant and recessive alleles, alternate forms of a gene for a trait, but very few traits are actually controlled in this way. Although many tests for undesirable genes are available, and these tests may prove to be valuable tools to screen breeding stock, it is important to understand the limitations of genetic screening.

Most traits in animals are controlled by more than one interacting gene. These traits are known as polygenic traits. This means that no single gene influences a trait, so there will probably never be a single genetic test that will identify genes responsible for these traits. For example we test for the presence of faulty hip and elbow structure. We know that affected dogs don't always produce affected offspring, and that affected offspring can be produced by normal dogs. But, we "play the odds" and understand that while the probability of producing an affected dog is reduced by not breeding an affected dog, there are no guarantees.

But even playing it safe doesn't guarantee anything. For one thing, genes don't work in a vacuum. The environment that a gene is in will affect the work it does. Temperature, timing, and the condition of the cells the gene is at work within will all contribute to the actual trait produced by a single gene. This means that for some traits, the same genetic make up can produce different phenotypes, or traits in offspring depending on small variations in conditions at the time the gene is contributing its information. These environmental effects complicate the relationship between a gene, genotype (all genes) and phenotype (the way the animal looks).

In addition to polygenic traits and environmental effects on the expression of a gene, maternal effects also affect the

Genes and Dogs by Cheryl Swift

relationship between genotype and phenotype. The sperm from a stud dog only contributes DNA; the maternal egg not only has DNA, but also has all the cellular machinery it takes to process that DNA and begin the developmental program of the newly fertilized egg. That means that the dam's traits have a lot of control over the final product from the very beginning. It is her cellular machinery that translates the sire's genes into actual traits of cells, that turn into the traits we see in a puppy. Females of other species are capable of controlling the amounts of resources in eggs, and there is no reason to assume that two eggs with the same genetic complement are going to have the same machinery for expressing those genes. This piece of the genetic puzzle is often overlooked as we rush to breed to this stud dog or that stud dog. Experienced breeders will often tell you that a strong bitch line is the key to a successful kennel, and that is because the dam controls the environment the genes are acting in.

And, if polygenic traits, maternal effects and environmental effects weren't enough to confuse the breeder, consider traits controlled by genes with incomplete penetrance. What this means is that a dominant gene isn't always expressed. So, for example, if an undesirable trait has incomplete penetrance, a dog will have a normal phenotype, but carry the dominant gene for the undesirable trait which it can then pass on to an offspring that may or may not be affected.

Traits can also be controlled by genes which are co-dominant, where all the genes are expressed. Human blood type is a good example of a trait like this. Humans can be type A, B or AB where both types of proteins are produced and attached to red blood cells. Co-dominance should not be confused with incomplete dominance where two genes of the same type are needed to produce the trait. For example, red four o'clock flowers need two copies of the gene for red flowers; a single red flowered gene simply can't produce enough red pigment to color the flower, so the flower is pink.

Finally, epistasis confuses the gene and the trait relationship even further since one gene for one trait controls the expression of a second gene for a second trait, the presence of a gene for a desirable trait doesn't necessarily result in an offspring with that trait if the gene that allows the expression of the good trait isn't inherited

as well.

Artificial selection, which is what breeders are engaged in, is a science, and there is no such thing as an exact science. As we "select" for certain traits, we run the risk of unknowingly eliminating other desirable traits or preserving undesirable traits. Genes are not inherited as discrete units, but are in packages, chromosomes, and that complicates the breeding picture in addition to all the interactions that can take place between genes, genes and the environment, and genes and the maternal cell machinery. Each time we breed a litter, we throw the "chromosomal dice" and gamble. It is important that breeders understand the difference between testing for a gene, such as EIC, prcd, or coat color, and testing for a phenotype or trait, such as hip and elbow exams, CERF exams, and heart exams.

Sequencing the canine genome, and research into genetic causes of disorders is good for the breed to a point. Good science requires that extensive pedigree research and research into the relationship between the expression of a trait and a gene or gene complex be coupled. Simple correlations between a particular segment of DNA and the presence of a trait without research into the mechanism that translates a gene into a trait is risky. Breeders should not only invest in research that identifies faulty genes, but also in research that explains how those faulty genes are actually involved in creating the undesirable trait.

We are entering an exciting period in canine genetics, and new tests will become available at an increasing rate. We owe our dogs the time it takes to become educated consumers of these tests otherwise we run the risk of eliminating some of the best traits in our dogs in our quest to eliminate the worst.

A number of registries such as OFFA, CHIC, and LabraData exist to provide information for breeders. However, it is the user's responsibility to understand what these health designations really mean. Finally, in cases where inheritance is poorly understood, it is up to the breeder to evaluate the pros and cons of a given breeding. The best testing sites seem to reinforce the idea that health screening, including genetic testing is a tool to manage deleterious genes, not to eliminate them and in doing so eliminate some very desirable traits.



The American Kennel Club's new Breeder of Merit program honors our core breeders. Their dedication to producing dogs that are healthy, capable and beautiful form the foundation of today's AKC.

Program benefits include:

- Breeder of Merit registration applications and registration certificates featuring special designations
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- Customized breed-specific web banners for advertising your Breeder of Merit designation online
- Access to AKC Direct toll-free number
- Certificate of distinction
- Free Online Breeder Classifieds, featuring special Breeder of Merit designation
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- And More!

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RI Restrictive Dog Ownership Bill Scheduled for Tuesday (06/21)

[Thursday, June 16, 2011]

The Rhode Island House Committee on Judiciary is considering a bill on Tuesday that would, among other provisions make it illegal to allow your dog to play in a fenced-in backyard for more than one hour without providing an outdoor shelter. It also allows the local SPCA to enter private property without notice or a warrant to examine dogs and enforce the new law.

The AKC strongly supports and encourages the humane treatment of animals, including ensuring that dogs are raised in a safe and healthy environment and are protected from cruel and inhumane treatment. As currently written, however, certain provisions in House Bill 5690 violate the rights of responsible owners without protecting the welfare of dogs. An identical version (Senate Bill 140) is under consideration in the Senate Environment and Agriculture Committee.

Read AKC's letter to the House Committee on Judiciary.

All responsible dog owners in Rhode Island are encouraged to contact the committee TODAY and express any concerns you have with this bill.

Click here for the e-mail addresses for the committee members.

The AKC Government Relations Department will continue to closely track this legislation. For questions or more information, contact us at (919) 816-3720 or doglaw@akc.org.

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Where:

Hopkinton Dam, Hopkinton, NH
Cressy Brook Rd
Hopkinton, NH

When:

Sunday July 17, 2011 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM EDT

Hey everyone,

The WC is officially open for registrations! C'mon over to Hopkinton, NH on Sunday, July 17th and test the working talents of our Labrador Retrievers.

We have a (ahem) *fine* group of judges that will surely make for a memorable experience. Plus, we have a bunch of surprises lined up to test even the most advanced human field skills. For sure, this will be a fun, casual and successful day for humans and dogs.

Click on over to sign up and/or learn more about the performance criteria.

Registration closes Wed 7/13 at 6pm

Register Now! <http://conta.cc/jzOPEO>

See you soon, Nancie Freitas
LRCGB
nfreitas@wildeland.com





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Proper emergency planning can help save the life of your pet. The American Kennel Club has prepared the following checklists to help pet owners pack a portable pet first-aid kit and prepare for an emergency evacuation. Preparedness is important in any disaster situation and these checklists can be applied to any emergency that calls for evacuation from your home.

Evacuation Checklist for Pets

Dog medicine(s), i.e. heart worm, flea, ear mite medicine, etc.
Dog Bowls
Dog Food (1-week minimum, 2-week suggested), dog treats, etc.
Can opener
Leashes: walking leash, short leash
Harness (to attach to seat belt)
Extra dog tag, (masking tape, laundry pen)
Cell #, Hotel # and Room #
Pet records stored in waterproof container or plastic sealable bag
Crate
Dog bed/blanket/toys
Supplies/paper towels, rug cleaner, toilettes, towels, flash light
Current dog photograph(s) with your notification information: useful for fliers should your dog go missing or must be left at shelter
Dog friendly hotel listings/ telephone lists
Shampoo
Litter/portable litter pan
Duct tape
Bottled water
Pet First Aid Kit

Portable First Aid Kit for Pets

Water-proof storage container for kit
Antiseptic/anti-bacterial cleansing wipes/Alcohol prep pads
Eye wash
Eye and skin wash in one
A sock (foot wrapper)
Latex surgical gloves
Electrolyte powder (add to water on hot days)
Emergency space blanket
Small flashlight
Bottled water
Medicated balm
Leash and collar
Soft muzzle
Speak to your vet about what to pack in case your dog has a sudden allergic reaction
Flexible bandage
Gauze roll
Bandage scissors- to cut gauze and to clip hair around wounds
Wood splint
Paper towels
Plastic baggies
Small cold pack and hot pack (self activating)
Cotton swabs
Antibiotic ointment/packets
Tweezers
Space for copy of dog's papers & vet records (sealed in plastic bag)



Member Accomplishments

Sasco's Picholine "Olive" finished her CDX at the Pioneer Valley Obed trial in West Springfield 4/23/11. Olive was bred by, owned, by, trained by and loved by Kris Maloney, DVM.



Snowden Hill Miss DaisyMae, RA, SH, WCX, CGC, CC earned her Rally Advanced title at the Lab Club of the Pioneer Valley Specialty with a **FIRST PLACE!** DaisyMae was handled to her title by co-owner Gerrie Owren. DaisyMae is training for her Master Hunt title.

Grampian Bedizened Viking, RA, SH, WCX, CGC, CC (AKC major pointed, one MH leg) finished her Rally

Advanced title with placements at the June Specialty show handled by co-owner Gerrie Owren. Dazzle is running in Master Hunt tests and showing in conformation through 2011.



Bunny's Spring of 2011

In the fall of 2010 we decided that Bunny would stay at home for the winter rather than going south with a professional dog trainer. Bunny's first career is that of a field trial dog, so spending winters away from home with a professional was the norm.

Coming to us as a two year old in 2005, Bunny began competing in trials and became All Age Qualified during that year. In 2006 she completed her Master Hunter title and won three Qualifying stakes: two is the maximum allowed unless the entries have already closed for the next trial. In 2007 she qualified for and competed in the National Amateur; she has also qualified for and competed in that trial in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011. In addition she qualified for and competed in the National Open in 2009. 2008 was a banner year for Bunny; she completed her Field Champion title, her Amateur Field Champion title, and she won a Double Header: winning both the Amateur and Open stakes the same weekend with an amateur handler.

Bunny likes to learn. She loves drills. She's a team player. She lives in our house. As the next logical step for Bunny was a winter of obedience, we trained in the living room, in the driveway, and in the Canine Training Association buildings in Davidsonville and Beltsville.

In February she went to her first and only match which was held by the Labrador Retriever Club of the Chesapeake and was High in Match. Entering all three days of obedience at the Maryland Sporting Dog trial in March, Bunny won all three of her classes and was awarded High in Trial at her first show. Today she is a Companion Dog, having earned all of her scores in the mid 190's.

In mid-April Bunny was entered in rally and obedience for three

days at the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac specialty show. At this show Bunny earned her Rally Novice title and was either first or second in all of her classes. A week later she was entered in an all-breed show where she won her novice obedience class and earned her first rally advanced leg with a class second.

The following weekend she won first in the Amateur stake at the Labrador Retriever Club's spring field trial.

Co-owned by Milly B Welsh and Charles L. Hayden, Bunny is our dog of a lifetime. Milly has trained and shown her for hunt tests, qualifying, and obedience while Charlie trains and shows her in amateur and open field trials. She shares her affection (almost) equally with Charlie and Milly, but she always sleeps with the person who is her current trainer.

Bunny's registered name is **FC AFC Lil Mac's Black River Rabbit, MH, CGC, CD, RN.**

Timber Town Turn Me Loose, MH, VCD2, RE (Kaya) and owner/trainer/handler Rainer Fuchs qualified for the 2011 Master National at the Hudson Highland Hunting Retriever Association hunt test on June 4.

UP DATE ON MR SINGLETON...8 months ago an X-ray revealed that Echo had 1 puppy. I read up on all the things that could go wrong and luckily we had none of the problems. We called him Mr. Singleton but name was changed when he went to his new home. A month later he was returned as the man's wife couldn't cope with him. He moved back into my kitchen and was quite at home with his crate & toys. I took him outdoors to play and in no time he was retrieving a tiny bumper.

Dave & Nancy Corkum who own and trained our HRC Meadowmere's Lex MH were on our waiting list for another pup. I called to tell them they should take a look at this pup. They drove 7 hrs from VT, had lunch and took him back with them. Two weeks later he traveled with them to the National Masters in Calif. where Lex ran. Then back to VT, down to winter home in Florida and started training in Ga.



Nancy had always thrown the dead ducks and helped with training other dogs, but never run a dog herself. The training group encouraged her to run him. He qualified all 4 legs finishing his title at 8 months old 4/2/11 at Atlanta RC, Ga. CONGRATULATIONS to **Meadowmere's Mallard Gunner JH**, and Nancy.

Got Brags? email them to Robin to be included in future publications. grampianlabs@comcast.net Want them on the web? Email Rainer Fuchs: rainer@fuchsamerica.com

Karen Kase reports that at LRCPV, **Gypsybog's St. Lawrence Lazy Days, JH, CD** "Daysi" was awarded a JAM out of the Hunting Retriever Bitch class! She also won Best Hunting Retriever!

At LRCGB, her daughter, **Gypsybog's Tennessee Swirl** "Patsy Virginia Cline", earned her CD and the following weekend earned her JH!

NEW GRAND CHAMPION!

AKC Gr Ch/BIS U-Ch Grampian Lola Tortola Viking, RA, JH, WC, CGC earned this advanced conformation title on May 28, 2011. To date she is ranked #2 in Massachusetts and 63rd of all Labs to achieve the title this year. Robin Anderson and Gerrie Owen own and love Lola Tortola, fondly nicknamed Little Butch.



Grampian Just Call Me ChaCha, WC, CC just became pointed! At the RIKC show in April 2011, ChaCha was WB handled by Robin. ChaCha is Lola Tortola's daughter by Am/Can Ch Rockycreek's On The Road Again, CD, RN, JH, CGC.



Four legs and one to go for **AKC Ch/U-Ch Viking Hil'Die Tanzbarin, RA, SH, WCX!**

Hildi earned the fourth of five Master Hunt legs for her title in May 2011, all breeder/owner trained and handled. Plans for Hildi include finishing her Master Title and then going back out as a special to show off her buff working figure. (Am/Can Ch Aquarius Centercourt Delight, JH, WC x Viking Zinka Dew, RA, CD, JH, CGC, CC)



NEW CANADIAN CHAMPION!

Can Ch Grampian Tiki Torch, WC finished her title in June, handled by Ross Brennan of Labradale Labradors. Tiki won a five point major, BOW and BOS to her half brother. Tiki is hitchhiking back to Massachusetts, eager to join her packmates for a summer of field training. Robin and Gerrie are really pleased with their Tiki Moose. (Ch Shahli Hyspire Hotter Than Blazes x Grampian Bedizened Viking, RA, SH, WCX, CGC, CC).



Boating with Dogs

by Robin Anderson

Bob and I often take our dogs on our boats in the summer. Having had many mishaps, and witnessing many others, Bob and I have a safety system and a routine we are pretty strict about when we set sail with the pooches. With over 30 years of boating with dogs under our belts, Bob and I have developed systems for safety, routines like feeding and watering, grooming, and exercise. In everything on a boat with dogs, we think of safety first, fun second.

I always put a harness on my dogs. I get the regular inexpensive nylon ones from PetSmart in a dayglo color like hot pink or blaze orange. You can get a real expensive harness from Ruff Wear (<http://www.ruffwear.com/>) but they can be overkill. The harness is very useful for hauling dogs into a dinghy if they fall off or go voluntary swimming. I also have these waterproof ZETA collars that don't get smelly. They come in a nice choice of bright colors. I get them from <http://www.morrco.com/>.

I make sure there is ID attached to the harness and collars...you know the ones...the brass engraved ones riveted on...in case the dog falls in the water and gets lost there is ID for the rescuer to call a phone and cell phone to find the owners. Dogs have been tossed overboard with no ID and it takes days for the dog to get reunited with their humans. When we sail we always tether the dogs on a short line to a cleat in the cockpit. This way the dog is secure and out of the way when the boat is moving and the humans are working the sails

and tiller. I never tether to the collar, rather always to the harness. I've lost a dog tethered to the collar when she jumped overboard and the collar slipped off....SPLASH...thankfully we were in a harbor and able to get into the dinghy to get the dog back before she swam too far.

I lost a dog overboard in Edgartown Harbor one dark and stormy night. She is black, the water was black, the sky was black...no moon, stars, no lights. I heard her splash in trying to get into the dinghy. Bob was doing his evening run the dogs to shore for a pee routine. Lola missed the dinghy at the same time he cast off with NO ENGINE in a three knot current. He floated off faster than she could follow and my arms are too short to reach the dog from the deck of our 44ft boat. I almost panicked with I thought she was going to float away in the darkness or get between boats and get knocked out! So I listening for her splashes and I called her to swim to me. Thank goodness she is obedient and realized there was no place else to go except to me....she treaded water in the dark listening to me until Bob got the engine going and came back for her. Now I keep waterproof safety lights on the harnesses and turn them on after dark so JUST IN CASE this happens again, SOMEONE can find the dog and rescue her.

I take lightweight crates that I can buy at Target. They are the Barkley brand collapable ones. They fold into a little circle and stow away on the boat. They come in two sizes. One for a wee puppy and large Lab size. Just in case a crate is needed, these are very handy! I've got pictures of two Labs in a large one when they want a place to cuddle up and sleep.

I use a plastic bowl in the cabin with the rubbery footing on it so that it doesn't slide around. I put a rubber backed carpet underneath. For water in the cockpit I tied a kid's plastic beach bucket to a cleat so the dogs always have a fresh drink. It can

get VERY hot if you're sailing. We've experienced dehydration with one of our dogs so we're very aware of the availability of fresh water at all times. The plastic is good because it doesn't scratch the fiberglass and they are lightweight which is always a consideration on a boat.

I only let my dogs forward of the mast in calm weather. They will always try and find shade under a set sail, but if we're heeling, I tie them in the cockpit and make shade with a towel pegged to something there. If it's *REALLY* rough, we put the dogs in the cabin. They tend to find the low side of the boat naturally and brace themselves until we come out of the weather.

We usually bring our dogs into our cabin at night. This prevents barking, and the accidental fall into the water while we are asleep. I sleep better knowing the dogs are safe with us. If someone intends to sleep in the cockpit, and wants a warm companion, we allow this.

I pack their normal food in plastic baggies to keep moisture out. Again, plastic bowls with rubber footing to prevent sliding is a must on a boat. I try and keep them on as normal a schedule while cruising as possible so they have a routine so that what goes in comes out on a schedule.

Once in a while if they've been in the salt water every day, Bob takes them to a dock and uses a fresh water hose to rinse them off. Salt water can get itchy after a while. I had a Golden Retriever years ago and we had to make sure her feet were rinsed regularly. They got raw from the salt. The Labs seem pretty sturdy in this regard, but we still rinse once in a while. It also helps the low tide odors that can emanate from them. We try and give the dogs daily land time so they can run and swim and retrieve. A good dog is a tired dog...even on a boat.

I keep tummy upset stuff (Pepto, Gas-X, flagyl) in my first aid kit in case they get into rock crabs or sea gull crap....which they will do! After all these are Labradors! Also included in the doggie first aid kit is vet wrap in case they get cut on the beach. There is nothing worse than blood all over white cockpit cushions. On second thought, maybe wet black dog hair competes with red blood stains!

Bob takes the dogs to shore in the morning to throw bumpers so they have a good romp, swim and fetch. He drives them all over the harbor in the tender, visiting other boats. I watch the dogs vie for position on the bow of the inflatable. They enjoy the dinghy rides most of all! Then he brings them back for breakfast and they nap most of the day. They also nap if we are moving, but they sure know when we are coming into a port...they all run to the bow to help choose the anchoring spot! If they know people in the harbor, and recognize their doggie friends on boats, they all bark greetings and wag HELLO!



Therapy Dogs International Announces New Therapy Dog Title & Publishes All Title Awardees on Website

Therapy Dogs International (TDI®), a Non-profit organization founded in 1976, has announced that all Therapy Dog title recipients will now be available to the public on the organization's website and has introduced a brand new title, TDI GOLD.

A Therapy Dog at work PRLog (Press Release) – Jun 17, 2011 – TDI® awarded the first titles for Therapy Dogs in 1998 to help drive volunteership and recognize its top notch dog handlers and four-legged therapists.

As a benefit of Membership, TDI® Members now have the opportunity to earn up to six titles by dedicating their time to visit those in need of the special healing joy only a Therapy Dog can provide. For their service, awardees receive a Certificate of Achievement and a special commemorative gift specially designed for each TDI® title.

The following is a list of available TDI® Therapy Dog Titles:

- TDI Active, 50 Documented Visits
- TDI Active Outstanding Volunteer, 150 Total Documented Visits
- TDI Remarkable Volunteer Achievement, 250 Total Documented Visits
- TDI Exceptional Volunteer Achievement, 350 Total Documented Visits
- Tail Waggin' Tutors Achievement Award, 100 Documented Reading Program Visits

Newest Therapy Dogs International® Title

- TDI Gold Achievement Award, 500 Total Documented Visits

Therapy Dogs International's Newest Title – TDI Gold will be awarded to dog handlers who accumulate a total of 500 documented Therapy Dog visits. Awardees of this golden achievement will receive a commemorative plaque and a special gift.

"Since the inception of the program in 1998, we have kept adding titles because the interest has been incredible," says TDI® President (CEO) Ursula Kempe. "That was the inspiration for TDI Gold."

"Our intention has always been to generate as many visits as possible," says Kempe. "Titles aren't the reason our members give their time but they do inspire more visits. In the end, everybody is a winner."

Therapy Dogs International is always on the look-out for proud handlers and their canine companions interested in serving their communities. For more information, or to learn how to join, visit <http://www.tdi-dog.org> or call 973-252-9800.

Since its founding in 1976, Therapy Dogs International has cultivated a dedicated membership of qualified Handlers and Therapy Dogs. As of December 31, 2010 TDI® had approximately 24,000 dog/handler teams volunteering to provide comfort, companionship and plenty of smiles to hospital patients, nursing home residents, school children and countless others at facilities throughout the United States.
www.tdi-dog.org

LRC, Inc Connecticut 2011



Show Your Colors

The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. 2011 National Specialty Event Week October 9—16, 2011

Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Brooklyn, Connecticut & the James Dean property,
Woodstock, Connecticut

The Comfort Inn, Dayville, Connecticut will be the host hotel.
contact Courtney Rice 860-779-3200

Twenty RV units will also be available to rent at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds
show site. sleeps 6-8 people
contact Joann 860-875-1444.

RV will be delivered and set up to the Fairgrounds.

Cost is \$1,115 for the week. a \$500. damage deposit required

2011 Event Week Schedule (This Schedule is Tentative)

Sunday, October 9, 2011 Tracking Test Set-up

Monday, October 10, 2011

8:30 AM Tracking Test Mike Clemens & Ilene Morgan

Tuesday, October 11, 2011 Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Brooklyn, CT

Agility Walk Thru 8:00 AM Agility Trial #1 Lavonda Herring

LRC BOD Meeting (Meeting Room at the Fairgrounds)

NOON Rally #1 (indoors) Lynn DePrizio

Obedience #1 (indoors) Jeanne Charest & Michael Woods

1:00 PM Sweepstakes Judging-Bitch Classes, followed by Dog classes Judge: Heidi Herman

4:30 to 6:30 PM: "Meet & Greet" Welcome Gathering (light appetizers)

Wednesday October 12, 2011 Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Brooklyn, CT

8:00 AM Agility Trial #2

9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON Judges' Ed (Judges Education) Meeting Room, Brooklyn Fairgrounds

9:00 AM Obedience #2 (indoors) 9:30 AM Rally #2 (indoors)

9:00 AM Continue Dog Sweepstakes judging if necessary, Best in Sweepstakes, Heidi Herman

9:30 AM Conformation - BITCH Classes, Paula Nykiel

Agility TOP 25 Special Attraction Event one hour after the Agility Trial

6:30 PM LRC Annual Meeting/Buffer dinner, followed by Educational Program, Harvest Restaurant, Pomfret, CT

Thursday, October 13, 2011 Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Brooklyn, CT

8:00 AM Jr. Showmanship, 8:30 AM Conformation DOG Classes, Jeff Gilmore

NOON – LUNCH BREAK Obedience Team Judging, HIT awards

Special Event-Top 20 Tribute/Parade of Title Holders

NATIONAL SPECIALTY BEST OF BREED competition, Jeff Gilmore

5:30 ish PM- Barbecue, Brooklyn Fairgrounds

Friday, October 14, 2011 "No Bells, No Whistles" Conformation Show, Brooklyn Fairgrounds

8:00 AM Dog Sweepstakes Judging, Christine Kofron -followed by Bitch Sweepstakes

8:00 AM Bitch Judging. Jeff Gilmore 9:30 AM Dog and Intersex Judging. Traci Stintzcum

Take down rings, clean up grounds.

Friday Hunt Test set-up Friday PM: Hunt Test Judges dinner

Saturday, October 15, 2011 Hunting Retriever Test/WC/CC, James Dean property, Woodstock, CT

8:00 AM Junior #1 Elizabeth Millikin & Susan Young

8:00 AM Senior #1 Doria Aylward & Rebecca Whitmeyer

8:00 AM Master, Judith Erlanger & Paul Young

10:00 AM Working Certificate Test, Roxanna Gould & Karen Sullivan

11:00 AM Conformation Certificate Evaluation

Ribbons and Tailgate to follow judging

Sunday, October 16, 2010 Hunting Retriever Test, James Dean property, Woodstock, CT

8:00 AM Master (con't)

8:00 AM Junior #2, Roxanna Gould & Karen Sullivan

8:00 AM Senior #2. Elizabeth Millikin & Susan Young

"Dog for All Reasons" presentation. "The Challenge" presentation.

Labrador Rescue

LRCGB supports **Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc.**, a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to placing purebred Labrador Retrievers in suitable, loving homes. Our Labs come from, and are placed in, homes in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Maine.

First, thank you LRCGB members for last year's generous donation to Lab Rescue. We've recently had a few Labs needing special veterinary care, and we rely on donations for all our rescue activities.

Besides financial support, we are, as always, in need of volunteers.

In the past few months, Labrador Retriever Rescue has had to return several applications from potential adopters because we did not have a local volunteer to do a home study for us. The adopters were immensely disappointed, as were we.

We require a home study on each and every new applicant. We do not rely on references or phone interviews; we want one of "our own" to meet face-to-face with the prospective adopters and discuss the reality of living with a Labrador Retriever and observe whether everyone in the family is enthusiastic about adopting a rescue. Our home study volunteer inspects the home and yard for potential dangers to the Lab, including the condition of any fencing and proximity of the house to highly trafficked streets.

The home study volunteer is a key player in rescue, and we always need more people. When an application comes in, our Adoption Coordinator assigns a volunteer who lives within reasonable driving distance to conduct the home study. Since we cover 5 states, we need a lot of volunteers. Depending on where you live, how many applications we get from your area, and whether we have other volunteers in your area to share the workload, you may be called on only once a year.

The home study itself takes 30 minutes to an hour. We send you a form that guides you through the interview, and provide written instructions. We are available to answer questions you have before or after the home study. Your comments are confidential and seen only by the Adoption and Placement Coordinators, who use the information to determine if the applicant would provide a suitable home for a rescued Lab, and, if so, what age and energy level could the applicant handle. You are welcome to—and encouraged to—bring along a Lab of your own to see how the applicant interacts with a Lab.

If you have Lab friends in western Massachusetts, Vermont, central/northern Maine, and Rhode Island, please ask them to consider volunteering. Of course home study volunteers are needed everywhere, but we are particularly "thin" in those regions.

We are also gearing up for the LRC National Specialty in October. LRR will have a table with information about rescue and merchandise sales. If you plan to attend the specialty and can spare a few hours to help at our booth, we'd welcome the extra hands. Download a volunteer application from our website www.labrescue.com, or all our Hotline, 978-356-2982. If you're already an LRR volunteer, leave a message on our Hotline that you're available to help at the Specialty and we'll call you to discuss schedules.

If you have other skills or interests that you think would help rescue, please get in touch. We can always use help with publicity, education, fundraising, providing foster care, evaluating a Lab, training, photography, and much more.

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The Labrador Retriever Club of
 Greater Boston's web site is terrific and
 up to date.
www.lrcgb.org
 Have a look!

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 about your accomplishments, ask questions about club stuff, training, and breeding. Go to this web site to join.

<http://groups.google.com/group/labrador-retriever-club-of-greater-boston?hl=en>

Follow the instructions to join the group. Your membership will be approved and you can stay current with club & member news.
 Be sure to set your email program so that it will accept mail from: labrador-retriever-club-of-greater-boston@googlegroups.com



Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Opens/Closes
Jul 17, 2011	Working Certificate Test	Hopkinton, NH	Jul 13, 2011
Sep 24-25, 2011	Fall Hunt Test	Putnam, CT	Sep 13, 2011

Pet Astrology

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

Cancer pets are overly sensitive. They compel to be taken as one among our family members. They crave for attention. If scolded they lose their mood and retreat to a corner. They crave for attention and if left unnoticed shall sulk and whine. Cancer cats are nocturnal ones and their mood changes with the phases of the moon. They never get into fight and are very timid. They run away from trouble and like to be pampered and cuddled by their owners. Cancer pets become friends for life.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)

Leo pets are born leaders and they have a royal tint in their behavior and movements. They have a pride in them. They are known to be arrogant. On the contrary, they are also friendly and gregarious. Nobody dare to challenge their authority. Leo pets are loving and faithful and demand their owner's attention 24 hours a day if there are other pets in the household. They have a good memory and make good pets particularly if there are small kids at home 'cause they take good care of them.



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