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From the President

As this year comes to an end, we need to each reflect on what we have accomplished as a club.

To each of the members that have actively participated in making their events successful a HUGE THANK YOU!!!!!! As with any club, a few do all the work and ultimately get burned out. We have struggled all year to have a quorum at a board meeting- we have had to cancel more than we have had. If you can commit to attend these meetings (every other month) please let us know so we can actually make decisions for the benefit of the club.

The monthly meeting last week was attended by about 20 club members. The speaker was Dr. Meg Connelly. She gave a great talk on the inheritance of genetic diseases (many which pertained to labs). She also generously answered questions of other concerns. All there enjoyed and learned something from the talk.

As a club, we are spread all over New England making it difficult to come together in one place. We totally understand this and have made efforts to change the venues of the meetings and activities when possible and still not great attendance. Maybe as a club we are doing too much? We have made the decision to cancel the Spring match (breed and obedience)- last year it was poorly attended. We will have our winter match open to all Labradors in January at Masterpiece in Franklin. Please contact Gayle Abrams and Beth Teixeira Gwillim to help!!!!

The hunt test is in the planning stages for the spring, the obedience trial has been planned for March and the agility trial is May 17, 18th at the Wide World of Indoor Sports in RI.

Please make an individual effort and help make these events successful.

Club News

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

Check out this new area of our club site.

Events are listed on the Club Website:
www.lrcgb.org

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

(president meassage continued)

There are so many new distractions than when the club first started in the late 70's! We all can find multiple things to do whenever an activity is planned. Do we all have the same interests in the club?? I doubt it, but help with the activities you are interested in, don't let the opportunity go by to increase your learning and make new friendships with others. Step out of your comfort zone and participate in an activity you don't normally attend!

This is really a challenge to all be more active in our club- remember a challenge is an opportunity or an obstacle depending on how to embrace it!

Have wonderful holidays, hug your dogs, family and friends as we can never know when it will be before we can do it once again.

Sue Willumsen, President

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The Winter Match will be Jan. 27th at MasterPeace Dog Training. This will be a B match. Beth Teixeira Gwillim is in charge of Obedience and Gayle Abrams will be in charge of Breed. More information will follow. Be sure to check our club web site for updates, and your email inbox as well!

AKC Holiday Gift Guide for Dog Lovers

<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/a958b1fd#/a958b1fd/11>

Beginning Retriever Training

If you're interested in training your young Labrador to become an enthusiastic retriever, join the Beginning Retrievers Field Training Class, offered by LRCGB each spring at the Delaney Wildlife Management Area in Stow, MA.

The next class will be run Tuesday nights for 8 weeks from April 16, 2013 through May 16, 2013, plus Flyer Day (a Saturday to work your beginning retriever on live birds). Check the web site in early 2013 for more information.

Do you get Retriever Results?

Copy and past this URL into your browser:

http://campaign.r20.constant-contact.com/render?llr=dv7scdfab&v=001OwqOR7yhbtUHa7BBhuCnoU-UM0T36Mt_J49K4Ckn5nsxG2L6e9hRaA6rhqQmDF1DAWsZlyqQo72Zurza-M8IGw-Um8rTBjx3JnhGPXT7KaWe-HkjUUNqloWXN1C-Z0YjhOYpM_RUEa43d1yCc921hgz%3D%3D

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Labs get along with EVERYONE!
(Grampian Chucklebrook Free Bee and 'Zeppo' the resident Frenchman)

**Pawcatuck River LRC presents- Nutrition For Large Breeds with seminar speaker:
Veterinary Nutritionist, Dr. Cailin Heinze**

Date: December 8th, 2012 Location: North Stonington Agricultural Grange Hall, 21 Wyassup Road, North Stonington, Ct 06359

Time: 10 A.M. At least a two hour presentation followed by a Q & A session. Morning Snacks provided. Cost \$35
You may print off Registration Form at www.prlrc.org

Dr. Heinze will address many of questions that we have on what is the best nutrition for for larger breed dogs as well as-

- Protein/Carb Ratios for different life stages, Protein vs. fat in pups and adults
- Raw vs. Grain free diets
- Effects on kidneys and GI tract from high protein, high fat.
- Nutrition for puppies,
- Nutrition for pregnant and whelping bitches.
- The dangers of overweight dogs.

About Dr. Heinze: As a veterinary nutritionist, Dr. Cailin Heinze strives to optimize the nutritional needs of animals hospitalized at the Cummings School's on-campus hospitals, the Foster Hospital for Small Animals, Tufts Wildlife Clinic, and the Hospital for Large Animals. As one of Tufts' two veterinary faculty who serve as Diplomats of the American College of Veterinary Nutrition, Dr. Heinze helps to deliver the service, academic mentoring and research that comprise the nutrition service at the Foster Hospital. She has a strong interest in biochemistry; problem solving and working with people and animals led her to study biological sciences at Goucher College prior to earning her veterinary degree from the University of Pennsylvania. After working in private practice for a few years, Dr. Heinze moved to the University of California at Davis for a veterinary residency in small animal clinical nutrition and a master's degree in nutritional biology. Dr. Heinze joined the Tufts faculty in early 2011, drawn by its strong reputation for excellence in both human and companion animal nutrition and the opportunity to collaborate with clinicians and scientists both at the veterinary school and at surrounding research universities and institutions, including Tufts' Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy in Boston. In addition to her clinical duties, which include nutrition consultations for both hospital inpatients and outpatients, Dr. Heinze also serves as a facilitator for the Accelerated Clinical Excellence program, leads elective student clinical nutrition rotations, facilitates within the second-year problem-based learning (PBL) course and teaches continuing education courses for other veterinarians both locally and nationally. She also teaches in the "Feeds and Feeding" course and lectures throughout the four-year veterinary curriculum.

Registration Form GO TO WWW.PRLRC.ORG OR USE THE FOLLOWING INFO TO SEND IN TO REGISTER.

Dr. Cailin Heinze- "Nutrition for the Labradors & Other Large Breeds" Seminar
Saturday, Dec 8, 2012. Time: 10 A.M to Noon followed by Q&A
Location: North Stonington Agricultural Grange Hall,
21 Wyassup Road, North Stonington, CT 06359
Cost: \$35

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

\$35.00 per person (includes morning refreshments)

****EARLY Registration deadline November 24, 2012****

After November 25th, registration fee is \$45 (must be received by Dec. 5th)

Make checks payable to PRLRC and mail registration with payment to:
PRLRC, c/o Lori Riley, 22 Maple Avenue, East Haddam, CT 06423

FMI: Lori Riley at (860) 873-1997 lorlynlabs1@yahoo.com

PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO ANY FRIENDS YOU THINK MIGHT FIND THE PROGRAM OF INTEREST.

THE 2012 NATIONAL OPEN

This being National Open week, we thought we'd pull together a few more fun facts about the 24 dogs and their handlers who are competing in the 8th series. Good luck to all of you!

THE DOGS

Here are some stats on qualified dogs.

111 qualified

105 entered (95% of those qualified)

59% of those qualified are male

41% of those qualified are female

100% are Labs

Of those entered:

90% are black

9% are yellow

1% are chocolate

Of the 24 dogs that remain:

54% (13) are male

46% (11) are female

100% are Labs

88% (21) are black

8% (2) are yellow

4% (1) is chocolate

Qualifying for a National is tough enough; of those still in the running, several have qualified for multiple Nationals:

Qualified for six Nationals

NFC-AFC Candlewood's Somethingroyal

FC Mertyn IV

Qualified for five Nationals

FC Adams Acres Water Lilly

Qualified for three Nationals

FC-AFC Great Bunns of Fire

FC Honky Tonk Take it Easy

FC-AFC Lanes Lets Get Ready to Rumble

FC-AFC Lilbits Cote D'or Pinot Noir

FC-AFC Seaside's Pelican Pete

Titles

Four qualified dogs have won national championships in the US or Canada:

NFC-AFC Candlewood's Somethingroyal

NFC Mioak's Fabulous Flipper

FC-AFC-CNFC-CNAFC Nightwings Marsh Leader

NAFC-FC Paddle Creek's Pack Your Grip

NFC Watermark's Running Back

Nearly all qualified dogs have earned an FC, AFC or CFC.

Nine dogs (8%) have yet to earn a title.

AGE

Let's take a look at the dogs in terms of their age.

On average the dogs that qualified are 6.8 years old; dogs still in it are a bit younger at 6.5 years old

Still playing are both the youngest (2.9 years old) qualified dog (FC Indi Go Girl owned by Darlene Houlihan and handled by Chris Ledford) and the oldest (11.3 years old) qualified dog

(NFC-AFC Candlewood's Somethingroyal owned by Ken Neil and Brenda Little and handled by Ken)

There are three dogs under four years of age

There are four dogs over nine years of age

POINTS

Dogs Remaining With More than 100 All-Age Points

FC-AFC Great Bunns of Fire (162.0)

NFC-AFC Candlewood's Somethingroyal (152.5)

FC Adams Acres Water Lilly (100.5)

Dogs Remaining with 50-100 All-Age Points

FC-AFC Hilltop's High Society JH (83.0)

FC-AFC Lanes Lets Get Ready to Rumble (81.5)

FC Mertyn IV (78.5)

FC-AFC Lilbits Cote D'Or Pinot Noir (70.5)

FC-AFC Trulines Walla Walla Sweet (59.0)

HANDLERS

Let's take a look at the handlers of the 24 dogs that are in contention.

79% of the dogs are handled by 12 professional handlers or 1.6 dogs/handler (vs 71% of dogs handled by 30 professional handlers (2.5 dogs/handler)

21% of the dogs are handled by 5 amateur handlers or 1 dog/handler (vs 29% (30) handled by 28 amateur handlers (1.07 dogs/handler)

There are a few handlers with more than one dog who are still in.

Handling 3 Dogs

Bill Sargenti, Sargenti Retrievers

FC Adams Acres Water Lilly

FC Citori's No Holds Barred

FC Madison Hadagun

Danny Farmer, Vinwood Kennels

FC-AFC Hilltop's High Society

FC Trumarc's Dot Come

FC-AFC Trumarc's Hollandaise

Plus: AFC Texas Troubadour (a quick substitution)

Handling 2 Dogs

John Henninger, Tru-Line Retrievers

FC-AFC Huntersbest Sapphire Jubilee

FC-AFC Trulines Walla Wall Sweet

Paul Sletten, Pine Edge Retrievers

FC Mitimat You Go Girl

FC-AFC Ride Sally Ride III

Ty Rorem, Rorem Retrievers

FC Honky Tonk Take It Easy

Road Warriors Dieter Brock

SIBLINGS, SIRES, DAMS

SIBLINGS

NAFC-FC Carbon Copy of Horn Creek ex FC-AFC M and M's Buns of Steel

FC-AFC Great Bunns of Fire

FC-AFC Hardscrabble Carbunation

NFC-AFC Clubmead's Road Warrior ex Seaside's Hakuna

Matata

Beadle's Turbo Nina

FC Seaside's Kingfish

NFC-AFC Clubmead's' Road Warrior ex FC-AFC Tequilla Sunrise IX

FC-AFC Candlewoods Life is a Highway
FC Fresh Squeezed Juice
FC-AFC Trulines Walla Walla Sweet
FC-AFC Code Blue ex FC-AFC Trumarc's Lean Cuisine
FC-AFC Thircreek's Big Stick
FC Trumarc's Dot Come
NAFC-FC-CNAFC Ebonstar Lean Mac ex Peakebrook's Appari-
tion
FC-AFC Ragin Eye of the Storm
FC Peakebrook's Brawny Force
Esprit's Out of the Woods ex FC Timber Town Trifecta
FC-AFC Chatanika's High Water Haylee
FC-AFC Go Margo
FC Fargo II ex FC Case Hardened Colors

FC-AFC Fen Wizzard
FC Merlyn IV
FC Fen Wizzard ex FC-AFC Hurricane Breeze

FC Huckleberry Fen
FC Madison Hadagun
NFC-AFC Five Star General Patton ex FC-AFC Candlewood's
Rita Reynolds
FC-AFC Candlewood Goldendaze Louie
FC-AFC Candlewoods Right On Ruby Reynolds
FC-AFC Nick of Time Lone Ranger ex FC-AFC Tequilla Sunrise
IX
FC Honky Tonk Take It Easy
FC-AFC Mercy Mercy Mercy Me
FC Premiers RSK Powerstroke

SIRES

Here are the top sires of those dogs qualified for the 2012 Na-
tional Open. Twelve Qualified Dogs

NFC-AFC Clubmead's Road Warrior

Seven Qualified Dogs

FC-AFC Carbon Copy of Horn Creek

FC-AFC Creek Robber

Six Qualified Dogs

FC Fargo II

Four Qualified Dogs

NAFC-FC-CNAFC Ebonstar Lean Mac

Esprit's Out of the Woods

NFC-AFC Five Star General Patton

Three Qualified Dogs

NAFC-FC Cody Cut a Lean Grade

FC-AFC Dare to Dream

FC-AFC Esprit's Power Play

FC-AFC Hawkeye's Candlewood Shadow

FC-AFC Nick of Time Lone Ranger

DAMS

Here are the top dams of those dogs qualified so far for the
2012 National Open

Six Qualified Dogs
FC-AFC Tequilla Sunrise IX

Four Qualified Dogs
FC-AFC Candlewood's Rita Reynolds
FC-AFC M and M's Buns of Steel
FC-AFC Trumarc's Lean Cuisine

Donate to the Hurricane Sandy Fund

The AKC Humane Fund, Inc. unites a broad spectrum of animal
lovers in promoting the joy and value of responsible and pro-
ductive pet ownership through education, outreach and grant-
making. Monies raised may fund grants to organizations that"

- Educate adults and children about responsible pet ownership
- Provide for the health and well being of all dogs
- Preserve and celebrate the human-animal bond and the evolu-
tionary relationship between dogs and mankind.

Donations of \$1,000 or greater qualify for Founding Member
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and a Founding Member Pledge form, please click here.

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in all states. Donations to the AKC Humane Fund, Inc. are tax
deductible as allowed by law.

https://classic.akc.org/humane_fund/donations/index.cfm

(Thursday, November 08, 2012)

In support of the people and their pets affected by Hurricane
Sandy, the American Kennel Club Humane Fund, Inc. and The
Westminster Kennel Club have each donated \$10,000 to the Hu-
mane Fund's newly-created "Sandy Fund." This \$20,000 grant
and other donations to the Sandy Fund will assist organizations
that provide support and services for dogs and owners faced with
the challenges of natural disaster.

"We look forward to helping pets and their owners get back on
their feet in the wake of Hurricane Sandy," said Seán McCarthy,
Westminster Kennel Club President. "I encourage all dog lovers
to donate to the fund to help fellow pet owners in need."

"The AKC is greatly saddened by the damage caused by Hur-
ricane Sandy," said Dennis Sprung, AKC President and CEO.
"The creation of the Sandy Fund will help us do everything we
can to assist companion animals and their owners in the region
during this trying time and in any future disasters."

The "Sandy Fund" grants money to AKC clubs and affiliated or-
ganizations looking to provide assistance for pets and their own-
ers in their hometowns during a time of disaster. The new Fund's
first donation was made to the Staten Island Companion Dog
Training Club to aid their relief efforts in Staten Island, New York.
Clubs interested in applying for a grant to assist local disaster
relief outreach can send a request in writing to dxs@akc.org.



(photo above by club member Tod O'Donnell featuring Kona, Raven and Fenway)

(Wednesday, December 13, 2006)

AKC® Recommends Parents Teach Responsible Dog Ownership

A cute, cuddly puppy is tops on many Christmas lists this year. Tempting though it may be to grant your children's holiday wish, the holidays are not the ideal time for new puppy ownership.

"The first few months of a puppy's life are extremely important—he will require your full, undivided attention and will need training, exercise, socialization, trips to the vet and lots of love and care," said AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "With the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it's difficult to set aside the time a puppy needs during this important life stage."

Though nothing tugs harder at heartstrings than a cute, cuddly puppy, every adorable bundle of fur is a lifetime responsibility. Dogs can live up to 20 years (depending on the breed) and it's crucial that you know the recipient can care for the pet. This means providing plenty of exercise, training, veterinary care and - most importantly - lots of love and attention.

"Surprise your kids by gift-wrapping pet supplies such as a leash, food bowl, training book or a dog-related toy to symbolize the new family member you will add after the holiday," added Peterson. "Teach kids about responsible dog ownership as they prepare for the real thing. During any lulls in holiday celebrations, take time to research the breed that best suits your family's lifestyle, talk to your children about what doggie tasks they will own, and begin your search for a responsible breeder that produces happy, healthy puppies."

AKC Facts and Stats

Tips for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season with Your Dog

- Daily routines change during the winter holidays, but try to maintain a feeding and walking schedule as close to your dog's normal routine as possible.
- Avoid feeding your dog table-scraps and sweets. Chocolate contains harmful, and sometimes fatal, chemicals to dogs. Poultry bones can splinter and cause intestinal blockages.
- Pets are attracted to the taste of anti-freeze, which can be lethal. Check driveways and wipe up leaks immediately.
- Ice-melting chemicals and salt on sidewalks can irritate a dog's footpads. Wash off your dog's feet as soon as you return home.
- Avoid decorating with popcorn or cranberry strands, tinsel, and glass ornaments. Dispose of all wrapping paper, bows and ribbons after presents are opened. Keep small decorations out of your dog's reach.
- When decorating with holiday lights, remember that exposed indoor or outdoor wiring could electrocute a curious canine animal that chews on it. Tape wires to the wall or sides of the house.
- Consider an artificial tree. Real Christmas trees may be toxic to dogs. Dogs find tree water tempting, so be sure to use pet-friendly preservatives in the water. Dogs also swallow pine needles which can be harmful. Plants such as poinsettias, holly and mistletoe can be poisonous to pets and should be kept out of reach.
- Resist the urge to give your favorite dog lover a cute, cuddly puppy during gift-giving season. Puppies are a lifetime responsibility requiring exercise, training, veterinary care and – most importantly – love and attention. Instead, consider gift wrapping dog toys or supplies such as a leash, or food bowl to symbolize the gift of a dog to come.

Something to Chew On: American Kennel Club Dog Trivia
Test your knowledge of AKC's most popular breeds!

Q. Which breed has the longest consecutive reign as the number 1 most popular dog in America?

- Labrador Retriever
- Poodle
- Boston Terrier
- Bulldog

A. To this day, the Poodle holds the record for being the most popular dog for 22 consecutive years (1960 – 1982). Though often considered high maintenance due to its coat, the Poodle is actually one of the high achievers of the canine world. The breed is exceptionally smart, hardy and excels in obedience training.

Q. Which of the following was one of the original nine breeds registered with the AKC in 1884?

- a. Golden Retriever
- b. West Highland White Terrier
- c. English Setter
- d. Mastiff

A. One of the oldest gundog breeds, the English Setter was developed in England more than 400 years ago. While the 1800s were the only decade that the English Setter reigned as the number one breed, it remained in the top ten for four decades, but hasn't been in the top ten since the 1910s.

Q. What was the number one most popular dog breed of the 1920s?

- Boston Terrier
- German Shepherd Dog
- Labrador Retriever
- Scottish Terrier

A. Shortly after Rin Tin Tin was featured in the Warner Brothers film Man From Hell's River (1922), the German Shepherd Dog became #1 in AKC registrations (1925-1928). The breed is still extremely popular today. While a favorite canine companion, GSDs are also hailed as the world's leading police, guard, and military dog, and was the second most popular dog of 2011.

Q. Former President Bill Clinton's dog Buddy is one of the most popular dogs in America. What kind of dog is he?

- Golden Retriever
- Labrador Retriever
- Yorkshire Terrier
- Boxer

A. Named after former President Clinton's great-uncle Henry Oren "Buddy" Grisham, Buddy the dog was a Chocolate Labrador Retriever. The Clinton family brought Buddy home in 1997, shortly before the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke, and he spent his puppyhood living in the White House. It was joked that Buddy was President Clinton's one loyal friend in Washington. In 1991, the Labrador Retriever took over from the Cocker Spaniel and remains the leader of the pack today, having entered its 21st year as the number one most popular dog in 2011.

Q. Which of the top 10 most popular dogs enjoyed TV stardom

on the sitcom Full House?

- Poodle
- Shih Tzu
- Labrador Retriever
- Golden Retriever

A. The Golden Retriever played the Tanner family's pet dog, Comet, on the sitcom Full House. Golden Retrievers, with their intelligence and eager to please attitude were the 4th most popular dog in 2011 and are consistently in the top 10.

Q. Which of the top 10 most popular dogs serves as the mascot for Yale University, Georgetown, University of Georgia, and the United States Marine Corps, among others?

- Bulldog
- Boxer
- Labrador Retriever
- Dachshund

A. The Bulldog, which has steadily risen up the ranks, remains the 6th most popular dog of 2011 for the second year in a row. An extremely popular mascot for colleges and organizations, Yale was the first university in the U.S. to adopt a mascot, and its Bulldog "Handsome Dan" was established in the 1890s by a young man from Victorian England who attended the University. University of Georgia's "UGA" the Bulldog has served as its mascot since 1956. Georgetown formally adopted "Jack" the Bulldog as its official mascot in 1962.

Q. What do "Uno," the famous winner of the Westminster Dog Show, and former President Lyndon Johnson's dogs "Him" and "Her" have in common?

- They are all Scottish Terriers.
- They are all Beagles.
- They are all Cocker Spaniels.
- They are all Labrador Retrievers.

A. All three famous dogs are Beagles. The Beagle is the only breed to rank in the top 10 every year since its acceptance into the AKC registry in 1885, and has been shooting up the list. The Beagle was the 3rd most popular dog in the U.S. in 2011. Another famous Beagle, Snoopy, is the only non-living dog to receive AKC registration, and was also crowned the king of canines in "AKC's Top 125 Dogs in Pop Culture" poll.

American Kennel Club 2011
Dog Registration Statistics
Historical Comparisons & Notable Trends

BREED	2011	2010	2006	2001
Labrador Retrievers	1	1	1	1
German Shepherd Dogs	2	2	3	3
Beagles	3	4	5	5
Golden Retrievers	4	5	4	2
Yorkshire Terriers	5	3	2	6
Bulldogs	6	6	12	19
Boxers	7	7	7	8
Poodles	8	9	8	7
Dachshunds	9	8	6	4
Rottweilers	10	11	17	11



Member Accomplishments

Congratulations to all of our members and their dogs on their successes at shows, trials, and tests!

To have your accomplishments published in the Otter Tales and on our web site, please send all brags to the newsletter editor and to the web master.

It was on 9/8/12 at the Saco River Hunting Retriever Club HRC hunt test in Buxton, ME that Poppa Llew earned his Seasoned title: **HR SHR SR Snowden Hill Justa Fairview Illusion, JH, WCI**. Loved trained and handled by Cheryl Palmer.

Can Ch Grampian Tiki Torch, JH, WC earned her Junior Hunting title on September 12, 2012. Bred, trained and owned by Robin Anderson and Gerrie Owren.

Elaine Capone wanted to thank everyone at the June Specialty Shows for being so supportive in her first breed experience with the puppy bitch **Grampian Hi'llawe (KONO)** when she placed in their sweeps class. The sweepstakes money was donated by Elaine and Kono to Labrador Life Line, hoping that another dog will benefit from their success. (*Ch Blackthorn Rocks U Too x Can Ch Grampian Tiki Torch, JH, WC*)

Kono went on to compete on Cape Cod, winning Best Puppy in Breed both days, and a Puppy Group IV too!



Just a note to let you know Thorn's most recent accomplishment: He and I won the CRDTC's Rena Fucillo memorial trophy for highest score team at the club's trial in March. We did it with a score of 193.5 in Utility B. It was the first time I have ever won this trophy, and it's really an honor to have Thorn and my name added to a plaque that contains the names of so many other wonderful obedience teams. I decided to semi-retire Thorn from competitive obedience over the summer, but brought him out one more time for fun. Winning this award was a really nice way to top off his stellar obedience career. I guess the torch has now been passed to Little Miss Aspen! Owner/Trainer: Penny Shultz



Birchangreen's Rising Tide MH MNH QAA qualified at the 2012 Master National in Alabama. This is Tide's thrid straight pass at ther Master National which earns him a spot on the Master National Hall of Fame. He is already qualified for the 2013 MN in Kansas. Earlier this summer he earned his third second



place finish

in a Qualifying Stake by placing 2nd at the Mid Jersey Field Trial. Tide is bred/ owned by Nona King of Birchangreen Labradors. He is trained, handled and co-owned by Tara Yohan.

What a year for **Ch Grampian Sharp Shooter, JH, CGC, WC** who finished in Topsfield during June 2012 after earning his CGC at this first Potomac and his Junior Hunter title and Working Certificate after only one summer of training. He subsequently was declared Junior Dog of the Year by the Yankee Waterfowlers Hunting Retriever Club! The dog nobody wanted is now living with his 'dad' Joe and two school aged kids while he waits for his next show in FebruaryWESTMINSTER! Shooter earned all his titles in just over a year between the ages of 5-6 once he returned to Grampian after his original man died tragically from cancer. Hooray for Shooter, the traveling man! Bred, loved, owned and trained by Robin Anderson, Gerrie Owren and Jen Leitao (who always wanted to keep him).



Macgreggor's Hollaback Girl CD, ASCA CD, ASCA RN, NW1 aka Gwen, got her Nosework 1 title in October at a trial hosted by Masterpeace Dog Training in Dighton Ma. Gwen also got 3rd place for her time in the interior search room. Gwen's overall search time for the 4 elements was 2.02.16 sec. Gwen was bred by Beth Teixeira Gwillim and owned by Donna Gray.

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

Disaster Preparedness **Be Proactive: Prepare** *from the AKC web site*

If there is an up side to Katrina, it is that the majority of people and particularly the government have finally recognized the necessity of planning and accountability for pets in times of disaster. Both of these groups now know that our bond with animals influences human behavior in times of crises.

Never has the phrase “Be Prepared” been more relevant than it is today, not just for Scouts, but for us all. Hurricane Katrina became the rallying cry for acknowledging, “Yes, something can happen in my backyard.” Preparedness is essential for your life and the lives of your pets. Your pets depend entirely on you, so PREPARE.

- Plan – all aspects of your own emergency response for both you and your pets. Ideally, design for two scenarios, one if you are confined to your home for several days and another if you and your pet have to evacuate. Elements for both of these plans include, but are not limited to, supplies (including food and medications), finding the safest parts of your home and escape routes if you are ordered to evacuate or your home becomes unsafe.
- Research – various destinations as well as escape routes. Investigate routes in several directions, in the event that one or more may be blocked and impassible. Practice a “dry run” for each route so that if you have to improvise, you will be able to do it quickly and without jeopardy.
- Equip – your home and your vehicle with emergency supplies and provisions. Include an easily readable map with routes highlighted, waterproof containers for food and medications; water; bowls; leashes; and collapsible carriers or crates. Don't forget permanent identification such as a microchip for pets (1-800-252-7894 or www.akccar.org), medical and/or insurance records for you and your pets (www.akcphp.com), and a photo and description of your pet, as well as proof of ownership. A First Aid kit is also a necessity; most of the contents can be used for both humans and pets.
- Practice – emergency situations and include your pets. Try to do a drill for each type of emergency that may hit your area. Over a period of time, practice until you can get the start-to-finish time down to a minimum. Experiment with pretending to be confined to your home. Make it a game for your pets whether “in home “or on the road,” and your pets will be more at ease if the real thing strikes.
- Add – subtract and change supplies periodically. Medications that are out-of-date become ineffective at best and toxic at worst. Food can become stale or worse. Even water stored long-term can take on the taste of its container. Consider changing bedding for crates, and check to see that leads and collars still fit and are in good repair.
- Review – all plans and preparations regularly. “Safe havens” may change or cease to exist. Roads may be closed or new ones built. Landmarks may be torn down or names changed. If friends have volunteered to help, make sure those offers are still viable. Your plans as well as your vehicle preparation should be appropriate for various temperatures and seasons. And perhaps the most important of all;
- Establish – an ongoing relationship with local authorities, such as offices of emergency management (OEMs) and dog clubs in

a given area. FEMA dictates that in times of emergency, jurisdiction will be ceded to local authorities where the disaster occurs. Planning and Communication with dog clubs in your area will create a team effect that can avoid duplication of resources and efforts, as well as produce strength and a more efficient result. This does not mean that concerned local individuals cannot help in a generalized effort.

What it does mean is that everyone will have to establish an ongoing relationship with the local authorities considerably in advance of any specific disaster, as well as fulfill any requirements the local authorities may establish, as many areas are making lists of those people eligible to help. This is often in addition to the requirements set by FEMA. This has been established post-Katrina, because it has been generally agreed by all emergency workers that many of the so-called “spontaneous” people in these situations have not had a positive affect on relief efforts.

In January of 2007, the Animal Issues Working Group was convened under the aegis of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). It is comprised of Federal, State, Local and non-governmental experts in animal response and emergency management.

Their charge was to revise the National Response Plan (NRP) to include companion animal and service animal issues and address the critical need for comprehensive inclusion of all animal issues.

Revision of the NRP must take into account that the previously existing Stafford Act has been amended by passage of the PETS (Pets Evacuation Transportation Standards) Act. This requires state and local disaster preparation to specifically address animal issues. The NRP must take into consideration the impact of the PETS Act on local and national incident response.

Their key ideas focus on;

- Animal issues as an extension of human issues -- how animals are managed in a disaster directly impacts human reaction in that circumstance
- Owners taking primary responsibility for animals in planning, response and recovery
- Service animals are legally considered an extension of their owner's person (ADA) and must be sheltered with the owner
- LOCAL government Animal Control authorities have authority over all stray and abandoned animals. The size of the disaster does not change this PRIMARY LEGAL AUTHORITY.

The Animal Issues Working Group reminds us that like all disaster response, animal-related response and recovery is most effective when handled at the local level by local resources.

Labrador Rescue

Labrador Retriever Rescue's 2013 calendar is now available. This beautiful calendar features our adorable Rescue Labs and their heartwarming stories. The 8.5x11-inch calendar has full-color photos printed on glossy paper. All proceeds from the calendar will go to support LRR Rescue Labs.

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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. Contact: 24-hour hotline 978-356-2982, www.labrescue.com, labrescue1988@gmail.com.

Work Your Network to Find Foster Homes for Labs

Lab Rescue has an ongoing need for foster homes. The availability of foster homes is the #1 limiting factor on how many purebred Labs we can take in for placement.

While you personally may already have enough dogs in your care, chances are you know good Lab people—a former puppy buyer not yet ready for another puppy, friends, relatives, retired breeders, neighbors. A great foster home loves and knows the Labrador breed and has an adult at home much of the time.

Lab Rescue pays veterinary and other expenses for Labs while they are in foster care.

If you know anyone who can take in a Lab for a week or two (sometimes longer) once, twice, or a few times a year, please ask them to download and fill out the Foster application from our website, www.labrescue.com, or to call our hotline 978-356-2982.

Please work your personal and professional network to help us get more foster homes.

Your Rescue Is Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc.

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Thanks,

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Gone But Not Forgotten

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August 2000- August 2012

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Rosie was diagnosed with severe hip dysplasia in October 2002, so she retired from the breeding after the 2002 Labrador National Specialty. Rosie continued to pose as a Barbie Dog, crew aboard the SV ARIEL every summer, and continued to have fun playing at agility and obedience.

In July 2004, Rosie earned her Working Certificate at the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater

Boston's WC/WCI/WCX tests.

During the week of the LRC National Specialty, 2005 in Warwick, RI, Rosie ran her first agility trial and earned her LRC Conformation Certificate.

After the LRC National Rosie retired from agility because that A Frame got harder and harder to climb. Rosie still enjoyed playing at some of the obstacles when she had the chance. Her favorite continued to be the elevated dog walk.

Rosie was the best puppy nanny in the world. She adored all baby creatures. She nurtured all that came her way, no matter the species.

In 2008 Rosie earned her Rally Novice title with two placements (one FIRST and one THIRD). She wagged her way through every course.

Rosie got nominated for the 2011 AKC CAR Companion Dog Award and was pictured on the AKC web site with the other nominees. We were so proud!

In August 2012 we learned Rosie reached the end of her amazing life due to a tumor on her spine. Rosie had moved to Williamsburg VA to live with Cindy Halliday when she was almost nine years old. We cried when we said goodbye, but knew the move was super for Rosie, who still needed a job to do. With Cindy, Rosie earned her Therapy Dog Certification and made everyone she visited smile. Rosie was cheerful, loved everyone, and never met a stranger. A one in a million girl, we will miss her happy waggy little self.

Thank you Cindy for loving this dog. I am forever grateful.
(Robin Anderson)



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

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Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Opens/Closes
Apr 16, 2013	Start of Beginning Retriever Class	Stow, MA	

Pet Astrology

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

Scorpio pets are very persuasive creatures. Those born under this sign can be very demanding, secretive and thoughtful. They are also very dedicated and pay attention to everything going on around them. If jealous, Scorpio pets may look for a way to get even or simply act out of line. Their intense passion also makes them very loyal, loving pets.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Sagittarius pets have a highly energetic and dynamic personality, fueled by a great deal of excitement and passion from day to day. These pet companions are likely adventurous, and curious, with a quick will to explore new things. These Sag pets make for excellent travel companions. They are also gentle and loving; not much seems to bring them down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

Capricorn pets possess a serious demeanor and may display confidence along with a streak of independence and a great deal of discipline. They are also known to be very hard workers with a healthy dose of patience. Capricorn pets are extremely loyal and attentive, and have a knack for being very persuasive (good beggars, perhaps?). This year promises to be a year of innumerable surprises for Capricorn pets!

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