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From the Field

The Field Committee got together in late June to review our event commitments for the rest of the year, and look ahead to spring of 2014.

Here's what the participants decided:

The flyer/training day at Hopkinton Dam on July 17th will now transition to an informal, ad-hoc training day. No organized flyers

We made some major decisions on the Spring Hunt test: First, we'll try and move the date out a bit – with the hope of having more time to get our pups ready for competition. Our first option is late May – but there are a few conflicts to negotiate. If that doesn't work, we'll look to early May – which is still 2 weeks after our regular spring date.

We're also trying to get us closer to home. Now that we're back on the West Thompson roster of clubs (whoo hoo!), we'll try that venue first. If not, we always have our Nod Brook fallback.

And lastly, our spring test will offer a master stake and a double junior. There will be no senior stake.

See you in the field,

Nancie Freitas

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

June Specialty Show

I would like to thank all the folks who helped steward for Obedience at the specialty this year. It was some messy weather, but it all worked out. Special thanks to Chief Steward, Fran Masters; Master Ring Preparer, Jeff Snyder; Raker and Water Control extraordinaire Pattie Duddy (who was probably a civil engineer in a prior life, she figured out how to get the water to stop coming in the ring!); Caron Bronstein who stewarded all the obedience classes, even though she couldn't show. Marlene Lendrum who helped get us up and running Thursday Morning. Jan Johnson who came by to help out Friday; Jen Quinn who jumped in to help and others who also helped this run smoothly. If I missed you by name, I was either in the Rally ring, or was in the ring myself and oblivious to what was going on.

Thank you all for pitching in.

Barb Burri

Bill Hillman Seminar

Members and Friends,

The LRCGB is proud to bring Bill Hillman to our neighborhood this September. Bill has an incredible track record, especially training younger dogs for field trial derby. He offers interesting variations on the standard Carr/Lardy approach that most pro trainers follow today.

His September seminar will focus on retrievers in the Basics and Transition stages of their field careers.

This seminar will sell out.

We are reserving 15 spots (of 30) for LRCGB members on a first come, first served basis, at a reduced fee. If you own a lab and aren't yet an LRCGB member -- what are you waiting for?!

For more information: LRCGB / Hillman Seminar

See you in the field,
Rainer Fuchs

The Origins of Dogs

<http://m.popsci.com/science/article/2013-02/origin-modern-dogs>

Dear LRCGB members,

Thank you to all who contribute to make our events great. This is an incredibly busy time for us - with the Hunt Test and the Agility just behind us, the Specialty with obedience and rally next month and the Working Certificate in July, only to be followed by the Colonial-LRCGB Hunt Test in August. This is an ambitious group!

Please come lend a hand - we will put you to work, or double you up with someone so you can learn the ropes. No previous experience required. Our events are also a great opportunity to introduce prospective members to our club, and everyone is welcome. So, if you've ever sponsored someone for membership, why not personally extend an invite to attend the next event with you, for it goes without saying, that many hands make light work.

And there is plenty of work... In addition to our wonderful events, the Board is busy updating our antiquated ways, and a committee has been formed to update our by-laws and working rules, to help incorporate the use of technology to manage our membership database, and creating better guidelines for Board Members, Committee Chairs and workers all around.

For years we have relied on individuals to hand down our traditions and operating procedures by means of oral tradition and it is time to better preserve our traditions and ways of doing things, all to keep our club viable. So, plain and simple - we need you, all of you, to help keep our community alive. If you are remotely interested in serving on a committee or becoming more active I urge you to contact me directly with your ideas of how you'd like to contribute.

Our Constitution

I'm sure at times it appears that the LRCGB is a machine to produce events, but we are more than that. Below I have listed the objectives of our club straight from our Constitution as a reminder that we are more than our events:

- a. To encourage and promote the responsible breeding of pure breed Labrador Retrievers and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- b. To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the AKC as the only standard of excellence by which the Labrador Retriever shall be judged.
- c. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials and field events under the rules of the AKC.
- d. To conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows, obedience trials, hunting retriever tests and field trials under the rules of the AKC.

With these objectives in mind, the club is moving forward and ask that you stay tuned for what's around the corner.

News:

Robin Magee has been appointed Corresponding Secretary upon Beth Gwillum's resignation. We thank Beth for all her years of service on the Board and for all she does for the club.

The Labrador is an amazing breed and we are privileged to have these dogs in our lives and it is up to us to continuously learn from our breed's versatility. To borrow from Boston, we are Labrador Strong. We are a community, and together we work hard, we laugh and we learn -- all things Labrador:)

Respectfully,
Ruth Solomon
LRCGB President

Board of Directors Meeting

4/17/13 ~ 7pm-9:15pm

Attendees: R.Solomon; N.Wolston; M.Secco; M.Meewes; J.Quinn; N.Freitas; S.Willumsen; L.Kinsman; C.Belli; S.Cardello; E.Capone

Treasurers report

Gail is away; nothing has changed; 3/24/13 report still stands

Memberships

Second Readings:

1. Aaron Durocher; sponsored by L.Kinsman/L.Jarrett, P.Elder
2. Brooke Foley; sponsored by S.Willumsen, L. Kinsman
3. Steve Patterson; sponsored by P.Kimmel; P.Schultz
4. Sally Bridges; sponsored by N.Freitas; K.Kennedy
5. Susan Patterson; sponsored by S.Willumsen, L.Kinsman
6. Lois Engel sponsored by S.Willumsen, R.Magee

- Motion to approve all members: S.Cardello; Second Motion by M.Meewes

Action Item: Corresponding Secretary to issue welcome letters to the 6 new members

Recording Secretary to help out in a pinch

Resignations

Abby Crosby wishes to resign from the LRCGB

- Motion to consider refunding 2013 dues: R.Solomon
- Motion to approve refunding 2013 dues
- Amended motion to refund dues upon receipt of prizes, trophy's, and monies for the specialty.
- Motion to accept resignation graciously, along with thanks and appreciation for years of service, and condition to return prizes

Action Item: Corresponding Sec to designate club members (Milly & Shirley) to meet with Abby to collect prizes, trophies, and monies

Correspondence Report

Beth is not in attended; no update

Committee Reports

Field Update (Nancie)

- Spring test – low participation at JH and SH stakes

which is consistent with years past. Test expected to lose ~\$6-700. Shortly after, will do a retro to evaluate test's future, possibly change dates, etc.

- Beginners class is full
- Flyer Day is Sat June 8 at Markover, open to the public, membership, etc
- Field activities still projected to provide an annual profit of ~\$5-800

Show Update (Lisa)

- Need judge hospitality

Agility (Sue)

- Trial is May 18/19 in NoSmithfield, RI; Accepted the max of 630 entries per day

Obedience

- No report

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion to set up a bylaws committee

- Goal: revisit our current bylaws and working rules
- 2-3 board members; 2-3 non-members
 - o Ruth, Marilyn, Karen Kase
- Bylaws for consideration:
 - o Membership: allow an associate membership (allows, supports club; can't vote); Benefit: manage a quorum
 - o Geography; club forefathers said inside 495Priority! communicate via email
 - o Establish meeting dates
 - o Board member roles & responsibilities

Motion to resurrect the member attendance

- Create a calendar of meetings dates
 - o Board: May 8 – at Remax/Bolton
 - o General: June 12 – show grounds, 6-8pm, Meet & Mingle (Elaine)

Action Item: Corresponding Sec to announce dates to membership

Recording Secretary to help out in a pinch (work w Elaine)

Motion to resurrect the directory (Milly)

- Pam Shaw to make it all happen update membership list and publish a directory
 - o Mailing to include bylaws

Board of Directors Meeting

May 8, 2013 ~ 6:30-8:50pm

Attendees: E.Capone, L.Kinsman, M.Secco, N.Freitas, N.Wolston, M.Meewes, J.Quinn, R.Magee, S.Cardello, C.Belli, R.Solomon; P.Shaw; G. Conway Members: D.Fiandaca

Minutes from 4/17 mtg read

Motion to accept: L.Kinsman; second by M.Secco; all accepted

President's report: Ruth

President's goals for the year:

- Create a transparent community:
 - o better mechanisms of communication to our membership

- o to become more of a whole (vs. fractured)
- Clarify board roles at a basic, functional level

Treasurer's report: Gail

Funds on hand:

- \$4049.03 in checking
- \$22,728.73 in savings
- o All hunt test expenses are paid
- o Agility expenses are covered

Field Report: Nancie

- Request that field group work the year to financial break even
- Years past, field has contributed between \$1500-3000 per annum
 - Discretionary funds would be used for a) equipment; b) community relieve (ie, bird boys)

Proposal: all groups should break even + X% to cover club operating expenses

- Discussion deferred until we understand club's general operating budget.
- Gail to report 3 years of historical operating expenses at next BOD mtg

Show Report: Lisa

Specialty is on course

Ladies supported entry (June 1&2) needs judge hospitality

- Lisa's on it

Agility Report: no report

Jen Quinn will give more info next mtg

Old/Continued Business:

1. Revisit the conditions surrounding Abby Crosby's resignation

Decisions:

- Accept resignation now; manage the return of trophies + monies separately
- Robin Magee to learn if Abby will attend the show to deliver the trophies.
 - o If yes, then Robin to dig into the booth coverage plan
 - o If no, Milly & Shirley to collect the trophies
- 2. Bylaws committee:
 - Karen Kase to be committee chair; other members: Ruth, Marilyn Meewes, Don Bierer
 - First order of business: establish deadlines
 - Strategies: start with AKC template, and put additional stuffs into 'working rules'

New Business:

1. Membership
 - Membership chair, Denise Fiandaca expressed that members don't update their contact information when paying their annual dues.
 - Established a subcommittee to streamline the membership renewal and database maintenance challenges. Members: Denise, Nancie, Gail
2. Beth Texeira resigned as Corresponding Secretary
Robin Magee is new Corresponding Secretary
3. Member Communication Discussion
 - All new correspondence goes to Corresponding Secretary
 - o subcommittee to discuss inflow of membership application info: Ruth, Robin, Denise
 - after each board meetings, Recording Sec & President will share meeting highlights with the membership via email (ctct account).
 - o This Email blast will also highlight upcoming events

- Otter Tails newsletter needs improved regulation
- o Board to supply a formula for the newsletter editor to follow
 4. Triple crown
 - Tabled discussion til later this year, since spring match has passed
 5. Raffle table: can offer a prize of membership renewal, if the member is in good standing

Upcoming Meetings

General Meeting is a club social: Pizza Meet & Mingle

- June 12, 6-8pm
- Agenda:
 - o Meet & Mingle
 - o short welcome from the Ruth
 - Corresponding Secretary to send a promo to the membership (with assistance from Rec Sec)

Board of Directors Meeting

- July 10th, Bolton; 6:30pm

General Meeting

- Late Sept
- venue and date TBD

Labrador Rescue

The following is a synopsis was sent to Labrador Retriever Rescue from a new owner regarding one its recent adoptees. Labrador Retriever Rescue works to provide fostering and placement of purebred Labs in all New England States except Connecticut. Its goal is to find forever homes for dogs that are unable to remain in their current living situation through the use of a volunteer staff.

Pete and Reese

I picked the dog up at the end of March and I must say that things are going great now. After an initial transition period, he has now settled into his new role as a mascot at a local golf course. His current owner is a golf professional at a course located in Massachusetts.

I felt really sorry for the dog losing his owner after 6 ½ years. However, I think he realized my sadness and said "It's ok Pete; I'm fine, let's move on." Today we are one. We are together 24 hours a day. He won't let me out of his sight. His eyes are always on me.

He has quickly become the Mascot of the golf course. The members bring him biscuits. He starts out his day with high energy. We usually start out with a tour of the golf course. He won't ride in the golf cart with me; he would rather run along side. We usually chase a few geese of the course. We then stop for a swim in the pond. He loves to run with a big stick (or two) in his mouth. He is frequently distracted by a squirrel or chipmunk. By the end of the run he is spent. He spends the rest of the day at my desk or at the front door of the golf shop laying in the sun. People have to step over him to get in or out of the shop. Unfortunately he is now on my schedule which means only 5 hours of sleep per night.

He is a beautiful dog. He is still a little underweight but I have

been able to put on a few pounds on him. His coat is much better now. I think he was all stressed out when I picked him up. I'm still working on his "sensitive stomach". My employees have noticed a difference in me; they can see how happy I am. I hope I have done as much for Reese as he has done for me.

Thanks for bringing Reese to me., Pete

Do the Dew(claws)?

M. Christine Zink DVM, PhD, DACVSMR

I work exclusively with canine athletes, developing rehabilitation programs for injured dogs or dogs that required surgery as a result of performance-related injuries. I have seen many dogs now, especially field trial/hunt test and agility dogs, that have had chronic carpal arthritis, frequently so severe that they have to be retired or at least carefully managed for the rest of their careers. Of the over 30 dogs I have seen with carpal arthritis, only one has had dewclaws.

If you look at an anatomy book (Miller's Guide to the Anatomy of Dogs is an excellent one – see Figure 1 below) you will see that there are 2 major, functioning tendons attached to the dewclaw. Of course, at the other end of a tendon is a muscle, and that means that if you cut off the dew claws, there are major muscle bundles that will become atrophied from disuse.

Those muscles indicate that the dewclaws have a function. That function is to prevent torque on the leg. Each time the foot lands on the ground, particularly when the dog is cantering or galloping (see Figure 2), the dewclaw is in touch with the ground. If the dog then needs to turn, the dewclaw digs into the ground to support the lower leg and prevent torque. If the dog doesn't have a dewclaw, the leg twists. A lifetime of that and the result can be carpal arthritis, or perhaps injuries to other joints, such as the elbow, shoulder and toes. Remember: the dog is doing the activity regardless, and the pressures on the leg have to go somewhere.

Perhaps you are thinking, "None of my dogs have ever had carpal pain or arthritis." Well, we need to remember that dogs, by their very nature, do not tell us about mild to moderate pain. If a dog was to be asked by an emergency room nurse to give the level of his pain on a scale from 0 to 10, with 10 being the worst, their scale would be 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Most of our dogs, especially if they deal with pain that is of gradual onset, just deal with it and don't complain unless it is excruciating. But when I palpate the carpal joints of older dogs without dewclaws, I frequently can elicit pain with relatively minimal manipulation.

As to the possibility of injuries to dew claws. Most veterinarians will say that such injuries actually are not very common at all. And if they do occur, then they are dealt with like any other injury. In my opinion, it is far better to deal with an injury than to cut the dew claws off of all dogs "just in case."

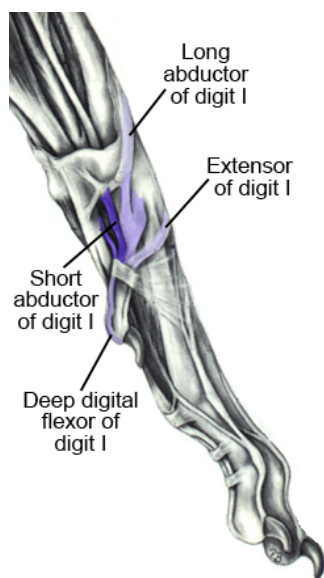


Figure 1. Anatomical diagram viewing the medial side of a dog's left front leg demonstrating the five tendons that attach to the dewclaw.
--from *Miller's Guide to the Dissection of the Dog*



Figure 2. In this galloping dog, the dewclaw is in touch with the ground. If the dog then needs to turn to the right, the dewclaw digs into the ground to support the lower leg and prevent torque.

After the Boston Marathon Bombing Kestrel Works her Magic

by Barb Burri

Not many will forget the horrible events that took place at 2:50PM Monday April 15, 2013. Words fail to describe the horror of bombing the finish line of the Boston Marathon. In past years, I have been in that exact spot, cheering on runners, some years even selling Girl Scout cookies to waiting families and fans. I was born in New York but Boston is my chosen city. I moved to New England in 1979, and never looked back. For me, this was personal, and I wanted to help. Two days later, I saw on Facebook that TDI, Therapy Dogs International was looking for dog and handler teams to help bring comfort and compassion to the people of Boston. I shot off an email, knowing Kestrel and I would be up to the task. I have three TDI certified therapy dogs, all Labrador Retrievers. Hawke age 13 mostly does library reading dog work, Kestrel, 10, who visits an assisted living and an Alzheimer unit, and Merlin, 7, who does some library work and some college comfort at exam times.

Kestrel and I were to be deployed on Friday April 19th, to go to Boston Athletic Association headquarters to meet and greet folks picking up runner's gear and bags, and to be a comfort to Boston Marathon staff. Well, the visit of the 19th did not happen as Boston and surrounds were put on shelter in place directions as the enormous manhunt for the suspects was taking place.

We got the call again, could we come in on Monday April 22nd, to work a shift at the memorial at the corner of Berkeley and Boylston streets. A memorial had been forming at the barriers there, as the area of the finish line was blocked off as a crime scene. Kestrel and I headed into town.

Kestrel is not a city dog, she has lived her whole life in suburban New Hampshire, and aside from trips to school, nursing homes and dog shows, she's never been in the big city. She enjoyed everything from the crowds to the interesting sidewalks, even the parking garage. Nothing fazes Kestrel.

We got to the memorial; there were hundreds of people on the corner of Boylston and Berkeley Streets. Boylston was closed off with barriers, and there were news trucks lining Berkeley Street. Two other teams were there, the Golden Retrievers Liberty and Independence. People would come up and pat the dogs, some got on the ground to hug them up close. Some people smiled at the happy wagging enthusiasm Kestrel brought to the task. Some people just misted up and patted the dogs.

In the two-hour shift, we must have interacted with 200-300 people. Kestrel now graces the photo icon of dozens of iPhones,

and Androids. Many, many pictures were taken, of the dogs, with the dogs. The crowd was incredibly diverse, working folks out on lunch break, people who had come in especially to pay their respects, school groups who were in Boston for other reasons who came by to honor the victims.

Complete strangers would touch us on the shoulder and say "Thank you for just being her", or "Thank you for caring". One fellow got out of one of the news trucks and came over, sat down on the sidewalk and hugged Kestrel tight for a few minutes. He stood up, dusted off his pants and said, "Thanks, I needed that!"

and went back in his truck. One young man said "Thank you m'am, your dog is doing yeoman's service".

Many reporters interviewed us, and videographers took many, many minutes of footage of the dogs. Kestrel did end up on WMUR TV on the 5pm news. All three dogs did a great job representing the best that therapy dogs have to offer, unconditional love and compassion.

Our post bombing work continued with two visits to Middlesex Community College. The school had reached out to TDI for dogs for their Bedford and Lowell Campuses. In reading the college's blog, I learned they had students,

alumni, and family of students physically affected by the bombings, as well as both student and staff runners who were turned back at Mile 25. Kestrel again was the happy waggy little lab she always is and brought many smiles to students and staff on both visits.

Therapy dog work is not for every dog. It is tiring, emotionally demanding, and exhausting for the dog. Kestrel snored the whole way home after every visit. I was so proud of her, to work so well in a huge crowd in a big city without any issues at all. Sirens, helicopters, news trucks, videographers, and 100's of strangers and she approached it all with a wag and a grin. At the college, I was so pleased with how well she worked with a diverse mix of students and faculty, for long shifts, never tiring or stopping wagging. I am honored that we were able to play a small role in helping folks heal from this terrible event.

We are ONE Boston!



Locked Down in Watertown

by Penny Shultz

When the alarm went off, I thought it was going to be a Friday morning just like any other, but as I lay there listening to the radio, I soon realized I was wrong. During the night there had been a car chase and shoot out right up the street from where I live in Watertown, MA. And although Thorn, our oldest Labrador Retriever, has been known to get me up in the middle of the night at the slightest bit of thunder, it seems that we had all slept peacefully through the gunfire and bombs that were going off at the end of our street. It was the beginning of what would end up being a nerve-wracking day for both humans and dogs.

A manhunt had begun, and, as a result, Watertown was in lockdown. We were told to stay in our homes and to not answer our doors unless the person knocking was a uniformed officer. Of course, this presented a bit of a problem for those of us who have dogs. I was lucky. I have a big fenced in yard. So, I would cautiously let my

3 dogs out to potty while anxiously standing on my front porch staring up at the military helicopters that were circling overhead. But for my neighbors without yards (and there are quite a few of those in crowded little Watertown) things were a bit trickier. One friend tried to take her two poodles on a short walk so that they could do their business only to be quickly told by police that she needed to get back inside her house. Another neighbor with a cute, little, older dog who lives across the street from me made her poor dog wait until after 4:00PM before finally sneaking him outside for a quick potty break. In general, my usually busy neighborhood was like a ghost town. Except for the occasional police presence, we didn't see a soul out on the street.

And so we waited, glued to our radio while streaming live coverage of the events unfolding just a few blocks away from us at the Watertown Mall. The dogs were subdued. Even Aspen, our effervescent puppy, seemed to realize that something strange was going on and was on her best behavior. However, by mid afternoon, we were all beginning to get a bit restless. Our dogs really wanted to know why, on such a nice day, we weren't all outside playing. Although the media's coverage of what was going on was relentless, it seemed that we had reached the point where no new information was being added to the mix. It was frustrating for all of us. Finally, around 4:30PM, my neighbors started to venture outside, at least as far as their front porches. I let the dogs out into our yard and, happy to finally be freed from confinement in the house, Cory and Aspen immediately started chasing each other all over the yard. Not seeing any police, I wandered across the street to a neighbor's house to compare notes on the day's events. We all marveled at how a 19-year-old kid who was probably injured could have eluded the police and military for so many hours. Where could he be?

Finally, following a 6PM news conference, the lockdown was suspended. Now everyone in my neighborhood was outside. I could see cars, other than police cars, traveling on Mt. Auburn Street. Some neighbors got in their cars and headed out of the neighborhood in search of takeout. I had just started to play some fetch with our dogs out in the yard when I thought I heard gunfire and sirens. I hurry everyone back inside, and ran to the radio to hear if something new had happened. It had. The suspect had been located hiding in a boat in someone's back yard several blocks away. For the next few hours we were riveted by the images being broadcasted live by the local television station. By 9:00PM the suspect had been captured and I felt comfortable enough to let the dogs outside once more. As I turned the television off, images showed jubilant Watertown citizens, celebrating that the manhunt was over and that this very stressful day was finally drawing to a close.

Penny Shultz lives with her husband, Joel Wolff, and their three Labrador Retrievers, Hawthorn (aka Thorn), Hickory (aka Cory) and Aspen in Watertown, MA. She is an active member of the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston, the Yankee Golden Retriever Club, Charles River Dog Training Club and New England Dog Training Club. Penny has been involved in dog sports for over 19 years and currently competes with her dogs in AKC Obedience, Rally and Hunt tests. She and her husband are also very active in Animal Assisted Therapy and perform pet therapy visits with Thorn and Cory at local hospitals and universities through the Pets and People Foundation.



In the Lab

Remote Possibility



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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.

ARCHEX UCD URO1 Grampian Raptor Mystique CD,GN,RAE,NAP,NJP,NFP,WC, TDI,CGC,CC "Merlin"
(Ch Hollyhills Delby's Samuel Adams x Ch Snowden Hill Mango Crazy, JH, RA, WC, CGC) Finished his RAE and his GN titles on Thursday June 13, 2013 at the LRCGB Specialty, with all 1st place finishes. Merlin is owned, loved and trained by Barb Burri.

Ready Aim Fire! SH CD (Aimee) and owner/handler Rainer Fuchs successfully completed their winter training focus on obedience by earning the Companion Dog title at the LRCGB obedience trial with a 4th place and 2nd highest Lab in the class. Now back to field work!

At LRCGB's spring hunt test, **Ready Aim Fire! MH CD** (Aimee) earned her Master Hunter title with help from owner/trainer/handler Rainer Fuchs. Four weeks later, at the Hudson Highland hunt test, Aimee fulfilled the qualification requirements for this year's Master National competition.



The 2013 June Specialty saw **GrCh Lola Tortola Viking JH RA CGC** retire the Norland Challenge Trophy donated by Suki Field. To retire this trophy the same owners need to win it three times. Lola went on to win Best Hunting Retriever and a Judges Award of Merit. Thank you to Marion Lyons and Carole Coode, judges on Thursday. Lola also earned a leg towards her CD! Lola and all the Grampian Labradors are bred and loved by Robin Anderson and Gerrie Owren.

Grampian Lime Booful WC aka 'SADIE' earned her Working Certificate in July in brutally hot conditions at Burrage Pond. Thanks to the whole committee and judges for arranging the test and also maintaining a cheerful attitude in all the heat! Sadie is out of Grampian Bikini Bottom WC CC x CH Lobuff Hollyridge Osprey, bred by Robin Anderson and Gerrie Owren. Sadie also earned two Rally Novice legs at the June Specialty with placements and scores in this high 90's.

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

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WHAT TO DO WHEN ANIMAL CONTROL COMES KNOCKING

by George J. Eigenhauser Jr.

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ANTI-DOG ENFORCEMENT - What Every Dog Owner Needs to Know

Dog owners and ethical breeders are increasingly being targeted. Disgruntled neighbors may retaliate against dog owners and may other reasons drive complaints, and anti-dog enforcement action, which many times may be conducted illegally.

The following text outlines methods of inquiry and enforcement which may be used by local officials in attempts to enforce ordinances in your community and suggested techniques of response. These techniques are entirely legal and based upon the rights of citizens as stated by the U.S. Constitution.

No breeder wants to have Animal Control come knocking on the door...but if they do, it will help if you know what your options are.

Remember, Animal Control is law enforcement. They are bound by the same Constitution as any other government agency. To protect yourself, you need to know your rights. These vary slightly one jurisdiction to another, but some general principles apply. One rule applies everywhere: never physically resist an officer.

When Animal Control is At Your Door:

1. Do not let them in, no matter how much they ask. Animal Control generally cannot enter your home without a warrant, or your permission. While regular police can enter in emergency situations when human life is at risk (i.e. they hear gunshots and a scream inside), there are few, if any, situations in which Animal Control can enter your home without a warrant. Simply tell them they may not come in.

2. If you let them in, anything they find in "plain sight" can be used against you. In some circumstances Animal Control officers, unable to find a legitimate reason to make an arrest, have reported building or zoning violations. This may include caging you attached to a wall without a building permit, that extra outlet in the puppy room, having more pets than allowed by zoning, even extension cords in violation of fire codes! No matter how clean your kennel, if they want to find a violation, they will.

3. Do not talk to them from an open doorway. Step outside and close (and lock if possible) the door behind you. This is necessary because:

A) Anything they see through the open door is "plain sight" and may be the basis for an arrest, or probable cause for a search warrant.

B) If they make an arrest or even feel threatened they are usually permitted to search for weapons in your immediate area. Do you keep a baseball bat inside the door for your protection? Even if you don't, once they step inside to look, they are in your home and may continue to search.

C) It is hard not to be intimidated by someone in authority. Some animal control is even done by local police, who carry guns. It is easy for them to get "in your face", causing you to back up into the home. Once you go in, it will be interpreted as an invitation to follow.

4. If they claim to have a warrant, demand to see it. In general, a search warrant must be signed by a judge. A warrant to search your home for dogs does not include an inventory of your jewelry box. A warrant to search your kennel in the garage or in the barn does not include a search of your home.

5. In some locations dog owners may have obtained special "breeder permits" that stipulate that Animal Control has your permission to enter at any time. If you have signed such a permit they still cannot enter against your wishes, since you can revoke the permission at any time. However, if you refuse permission it may allow them to cancel your breeder permit, so you have to weigh the consequences.

6. Warning - anyone in lawful possession of the premises may be able to give permission for a search. Make sure your spouse, roommate, babysitter, dog-sitter, housekeeper and kids know that they should not let animal control into your home or on your property (i.e. backyard, garage, etc.).

How to Handle Questions:

1. Don't answer any questions beyond identifying yourself for the officer. Anything you say to the officer in your defense cannot be used in court (hearsay). Anything you say that is harmful to you will be used in court (confessions are not considered hearsay). You cannot win, except by remaining silent.

2. Be polite but firm. Do not argue, bad-mouth, curse, threaten or try to intimidate the officer.

3. Do not lie to an officer, ever. However, it is NOT a lie to exercise your right to remain silent.

4. Keep your hands in plain sight. People have been shot by police when common objects, such as a wallet, were mistaken for a gun.

5. Do not touch the officer in any way. Do not physically resist

an officer, no matter how unlawful his or her actions.

6. Don't try to tell your side of the story, it cannot help.

7. Do not threaten the officer that you plan to file a complaint for their actions.

8. If the questioning persists, demand to speak to a lawyer first. Repeat as necessary.

Gathering the Facts:

1. Get the name and badge number of each officer involved. If he/she does not volunteer this information, ask.

2. Ask the name of the agency they represent. Different agencies have different enforcement responsibilities.

3. Ask why they are there. Request the factual basis of the complaint and the identity of the complainant.

4. If they have other people with them (Humane Society, press, etc.) get the names and organizations for all present.

5. Note the names (and addresses) of any witnesses to the encounter.

6. If you are physically injured by an officer, you should take photographs of the injuries immediately, but do not forego proper medical treatment first.

7. Write down all of the information, as well as the date and time of the incident immediately, while details are fresh in your mind.

8. If your rights are violated, file a complaint with the appropriate body.

If You Are Arrested:

1. Remain silent. Answer no questions until you have consulted with a lawyer.

2. Don't "explain" anything. You will have time for explanations after you have talked to a lawyer.

3. Within a reasonable time they must allow you to make a phone call to get a lawyer or arrange bail. They are not allowed to listen to your phone call to your attorney, but they may "monitor" the rooms for "your protection". Do not say anything you do not want them to overhear; save that until after you are out on bail.

Telephone Inquiries or Threats:

You may receive telephone inquiries concerning the number of dogs you own and whether any dogs or puppies are for sale. Other questions may also be asked.

Your response should be to inquire "Are you interested in a puppy?". If the answer is "yes", ask that person for his/her name, address and phone number. Suggest that you or a responsible breeder will contact that person at a more convenient time for you.

If the answer is friendly and genuinely inquisitive, invite the person to look at your puppies.

If the question asked is "What is the price of each puppy?", simply say that puppies of this type are being sold for between "X" and "Y" dollars. Never say that you are selling them.

If the question asked is "Are these your puppies?", you should ask, "Why do you want to know?".

If your conversation indicates that the person is representing the county clerk's office or allegedly representing an official body, ask the caller for:

- Full name, title and phone number
- Agency's full name and full address
- Their supervisor's full name and phone number
- Nature of the inquiry (what it is about)
- Why the inquiry is being made
- How your name and phone number were obtained
- Ask that all future questions from that agency be submitted in writing

Preventative Measures:

1. Always keep your kennel clean and take good care of your animals.
2. Consider a P.O. Box or other address for business cards and advertisements. Keep descriptions of your location general (i.e. Southern California, rather than the name of the city where you live).

The internet can provide anonymity for initial contacts. You can even buy a "remote prefix" to get a number from a nearby community forwarded to your phone or to a voice mail. Avoid local newspaper classifieds, they are often monitored.

3. Screen any potential puppy buyers carefully. Always be alert that they may be Animal Control or even Animal Rights working under cover.
4. Don't allow strangers into your home until you have screened them.
5. Be fair and honest in all of your dealings, and be on good terms with your neighbors. Most animal control contacts are complaint-driven. Some complaints may arise as harassment by people with unrelated grievances against you. It may be a disgruntled dog buyer or a cranky neighbor who doesn't like you parking in front of his house.
6. Anything about you that can be observed in "plain sight" from the street or sidewalk can become probable cause for a warrant. Even areas on your property open to visitors can be dangerous. Be aware of which areas of your home are visible from the outside and plan accordingly.
7. If you are confronted by Animal Control and turn them away, assume they will be back. Use the time available to make sure everything is clean and presentable. If you are over the limit on the number of pets, find friends who can provide temporary shelter for your dogs.

Whatever you do, stay calm and keep your wits about you.

Just say "no", no matter what threats or promises of leniency they make.

When in doubt, say nothing and speak to a lawyer afterwards.

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Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Opens/Closes	Info
Aug 3 & 4, 2013	Fall Hunt Test (with CRFTC)	W Thompson, CT	Jul 22, 2013	
Sep 21 or 22, 2013	Field Training Day #2	Fitchburg MA		

Pet Astrology

Leo August 12, 2013 - August 18, 2013

There are two interesting facets to a Leo dog's personality. One such facet is that of the king. As a creature born under the sign of the Lion, the Leo dog is a born leader, the king of dogs. He carries himself with pride among other dogs, and most dogs seem to defer to him. If there is ever a dog who is considered the leader of the pack, the Alpha dog, that one is none other than the Leo dog.

Virgo August 23 - September 22

The Virgo dog is a huge stickler for cleanliness and is very hygienic, almost to a fault. Unlike many dogs who decidedly hate baths, the prissy Virgo dog cannot live without them and will even wallow in bubbles and suds. He likes being clean and smelling clean all the time.

Libra September 22-October 22

Beware the eyes of the Libra dog when he wants something from his owner. Those eyes, when they stare out wide and pleading, are very hard to resist. His eyes are what the Libra dog uses in order to manipulate his owner into giving him what he desires willy-nilly, without any further fuss. Beware those eyes.

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