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## From the President

Dear LRCGB Members,

I'm am so pleased to present our new slate of officers: With myself as President, the slate is as follows:

- **Vice President** - Pamela Shaw
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# 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](http://www.lrcgb.org)

Photos of events are on the club web site:  
[www.lrcgb.org](http://www.lrcgb.org)

*president's message continued*

- Nancy Wolston

I look forward to working with all of you. We have a very diverse club with so many talented members so please join in at meetings and events. We always want input and we can always use a helping hand.

Respectfully,

Ruth Solomon

LRCGB President

## Notes from the Annual Meeting

2012 Treasurers Report (Gail Conway)

- 2012 contributed a net profit of \$5,948
- Ending the year with \$34,405

Specialty Update (Lisa Kinsman)

- This year we'll have Pizza Party on Friday night. No charge!

Obedience/Rally Update (Joel Wolff)

- lively discussion about participation rates, environments

Field Update (Nancie Freitas)

- Robust season of events & activities

Upcoming Board Meeting

Our first board meeting for 2013 will be on Wed, April 17, 7pm; location TBD

All members are invited, yet votes are reserved for board members only.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancie Freitas

Recording Secretary

## The Origins of Dogs

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

## WITH SYMPATHY

**Mr. Carl Frederick Aylward** 84, of Raymond, N.H., beloved husband of Doris Lorraine (Allen) Aylward died Saturday March 2nd at Exeter Hospital in Exeter, N.H. surrounded by his family.

Born in Salem, he was the son of the late Lewis Allen and Mildred (Herrick) Aylward. He was raised and educated in Beverly and was a graduate of Beverly High School. He continued his education at the University of Massachusetts, where he majored in Chemical Engineering and was a member of the Varsity Hockey Team.

An honorable discharge Veteran, Carl served his country as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army during the Korean War.

Upon graduation, Carl began his professional career in the chemical industry. He spent twenty years of his engineering career with Unitrode of Salem. The ever present businessman, Carl began a second career in Real Estate, establishing Aylward and Associates in Beverly, specializing in Real Estate and Real Estate Appraisal. He was well known throughout the North Shore for his attention to detail and business acumen.

An active and outstanding Mason, Carl was the Past Master of Mosiac Lodge A.F. & A.M. in Danvers, he was the District Deputy Grandmaster- Salem 8th and was well known throughout masonic circles far and wide for his friendly nature and his experience as a ritualist. A longtime resident of the Town of Danvers, prior to moving to Raymond, N.H. , he was an active volunteer in many Danvers activities including Youth and Little League baseball. He was the former Commissioner of Danvers Youth Baseball and enjoyed teaching others to love sports.

An avid outdoorsman since childhood, Carl enjoyed fly fishing and spending time with his family in Pittsburg, N.H. His love of the out of doors is something he instilled in his children who spent many days together fishing and enjoying all of the world's wonderful giving's. Carl was a true family man who dedicated his life to others and will be deeply missed.

## Do you get Retriever Results?

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In addition to his loving wife of 60 years, Carl is survived by his daughter Kristin Betty of Milford, N.H., his sons, Lewis Allen Aylward and his wife Penelope of Newmarket N.H., Carl Douglas Aylward and his wife Lisa of Groveland MA, and Wayne George Aylward and his wife Janet of Oregon, his eight grandchildren and one great grandchild and his nieces and nephews, Dan Aylward, Nancy Callahan, Jane Adams, Allen Aylward and his sister-in-law, Sally Aylward of Beverly. He was also the brother of the late Allen F. Aylward.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends were invited to visiting hours in the Peterson-O'Donnell Funeral Home 167 Maple St., (rte 62) Danvers, Thursday, March 7th, 2013 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. A Masonic Service was held at 7:30 P.M. Private service and burial will be held in Hennicker, N.H. at a later date. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Carl's memory to the Trout Unlimited, PO Box 7400, Woolly Bugger, WV 25438-7400.

### 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. Contact: 24-hour hotline 978-356-2982, [www.labrescue.com](http://www.labrescue.com), [labrescue1988@gmail.com](mailto:labrescue1988@gmail.com). Volunteer work for Rescue counts as credit towards satisfying the club's work requirement! Volunteers are the lifeblood of rescue.

Lab rescue has a number of changes planned for 2013 to improve our program. We would like some help from LRCGB. LRR wish list:

1. We need volunteers to serve on our Board of Directors.
2. We need foster homes. In addition to private homes, we are interested in small boarding kennels. If you know of one that might be interested in taking care of the Labs waiting to be adopted, please call the hotline 978-356-2982 or email [labrescue1988@gmail.com](mailto:labrescue1988@gmail.com).
3. We would like to post the available adult Labs for members. We often have approved homes waiting to adopt a Lab. LRR would serve as a referral service. After placement, a donation would be appreciated, but it is not required.
4. Ideas and suggestions are welcome! Leave a message on the hotline or call Harriet Hope 603-332-8594.

Volunteer work for Rescue counts as credit towards satisfying the club's work requirement! If you would like to be considered for a vacancy on our Board (our new Board starts in March 2013), please call the hotline or email [labrescue1988@gmail.com](mailto:labrescue1988@gmail.com).

Thanks,

Judy Wolff  
President  
Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc.  
[www.labrescue.com](http://www.labrescue.com)  
hotline: 978-356-2982

### Celebrate a Heroic Dog with an AKC Humane Fund Award For Canine Excellence

(Monday, April 08, 2013)

New York, NY – Heroes may not necessarily lend a helping hand – for some heroes, it's a paw! To celebrate the life-changing and important ways that dogs impact our lives, the AKC Humane FundSM is once again seeking nominations for its AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE). ACE nominations are open to all dogs. The submission deadline is June 1, 2013.

Former ACE dogs have been awarded for everything from recovering \$70,000,000 in drugs and drug-tainted cash to participating in "read-to-a-dog" programs at local libraries. Read more about the past ACE honorees here.

"Dogs give of themselves generously to assist humans with many tasks and make our lives better, so we are pleased to recognize their unselfish contributions with the ACE," said Lisa Peterson, AKC Spokesperson. "We encourage anyone who knows a canine hero to nominate them for the award so we can spotlight all the good things that dogs do!"

The American Kennel Club will present an Award for Canine Excellence in each of the following six categories: Companion, Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Therapy and Service. The dog's heroic acts can be large or seemingly small, but must have significantly benefited a community or individual. Honorable Mentions are awarded to outstanding entries in each category.

Each of the five honorees will receive an engraved sterling silver medallion and an all-expenses-paid trip for dog and owner to Orlando, Fla., to be honored at the 13th annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in December 2013. A donation of \$1,000 will also be made in each recipient's name to a pet-related charity. The names of the five recipients will be added to the ACE plaque that is on permanent display in the AKC Humane Fund Library at AKC's headquarters in New York City.

Dogs receiving honorable mention will be awarded an engraved bronze medallion and all entrants will receive an ACE Certificate of Recognition in acknowledgement of their nomination.

Anyone, including the dog's owner or handler, may submit a nomination form. Submissions for the AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence for 2013 must include:

- A non-returnable, original print or digital photograph of the dog. All digital photos must be larger than 1MB in size. The photo should feature solely the nominated dog.
- A 500-word-or-less description of how the dog has demonstrated excellence.
- Dog's call name, breed, age and sex.
- Owner's/Nominator's name(s), address and phone number. E-mail address if available.

Nominations will be accepted by mail or email until June 1, 2013 and should be sent to:

Taleen Terjanian: ACE Awards 2013  
The AKC Humane Fund  
260 Madison Avenue, 4th Floor  
New York, New York 10016  
[akchumanefund@akc.org](mailto:akchumanefund@akc.org)

For more information about the ACE awards or to download a nomination form visit <http://www.akchumanefund.org> or <http://www.akc.org/news/ace/>.

## Gun Control: Should Dog Owners Care?

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<http://dogknobit.com/>

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This past week as the State of Colorado heard arguments about gun control laws, I was struck by a sense of déjà vu as I listened to radio coverage of the debate. I couldn't put my finger on it, but I knew I'd heard the arguments favoring Second Amendment restrictions somewhere before:

□ "Assault guns seem to show up disproportionately often in statistics simply because they are both quite popular and very powerful, capable of doing a great deal of damage in cases where assaults by other means might be relatively harmless."

□ "It is time we demand an end to the misguided and abusive concept of gun ownership. The first step on this long, but just, road would be ending the entire concept of gun ownership."

□ "In the end, I think it would be lovely if we stopped this whole notion of guns altogether."

Oh wait, my bad. I've gotten it wrong (I'm so embarrassed). The aforementioned quotes weren't made in reference to guns, they were made about dogs. Silly me. The correct quotes are below:

□ "Rottweilers seem to show up disproportionately often in the mauling, killing, and maiming statistics simply because they are both quite popular and very powerful, capable of doing a great deal of damage in cases where bites by other breeds might be relatively harmless" – Merritt Clifton

□ "It is time we demand an end to the misguided and abusive concept of animal ownership." - Elliot Katz, In Defense of Animals, Spring 1997.

□ "In the end, I think it would be lovely if we stopped this whole notion of pets altogether." Ingrid Newkirk, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), Newsday, 2/21/88.

It was an easy mistake to make. If the conversation surrounding gun control seems familiar to those of us who follow animal legislation, it's probably because the language and circumstances are so similar to both. Mass shootings and "dog-kills-man" incidences grab national headlines, and understandably, the victims, their families, and concerned citizens demand that something be done. I'd like to believe that legislators are responding to their constituents when they act in a manner that impacts all gun and dog owning citizens, but for a very long time now, it seems to me that any time a case involving either appears before a legislative or judicial body, both tend to err on the side of restricting freedoms rather than upholding them. Doing "something" seems preferable to doing nothing, and sadly, this usually means more laws that impact law abiding citizens (or innocent dogs) who've done nothing more egregious than to own a firearm, own a banned breed, or be born that breed. The concept of enforcing existing laws hasn't appeared to be seriously considered for some time, and as a Littleton resident, I know a little something about this.

Even before Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold committed a single violent act at Columbine High School, they had already violated enough state and federal weapons control laws to be sent to prison for the rest of their lives. In the commission of their horrific 45 minute shooting spree, they violated at least 17 other state and federal weapons control laws – and if any of their parents had known of their kids' handgun possessions, they would have been in violation of at least one Colorado law, as well. I doubt more laws would have stopped Klebold or Harris, but more restrictive laws followed, as did more mass shootings. After Columbine, Colorado alone enacted eight gun law reforms. Nationally, the Brady Law and the Assault Weapons Ban passed, while most states beefed up background checks for firearm purchases and

gun laws involving juveniles were tightened. In spite of that, 221 people were killed in 25 different mass shootings since 1999.

Forty five minutes away from where I write, the City of Aurora prohibits by law the carrying of a concealed weapon, discharging a gun unless one is a lawman or is on a shooting range, and the possession of a loaded firearm inside a vehicle within city limits. This didn't stop James Holmes from entering a theater and killing 12 people watching "Batman" last year. Following this tragedy, Colorado gun sales spiked up after the shooting because average people concerned about their own safety and those anticipating more gun restrictions caused the number of background checks for people seeking to buy a gun to jump 43% just from the previous week.

Individuals bent on mayhem find ways to do bad things regardless of the law. Laws created in response to the acts of the most extreme of society are laws that apply to all of us, however, not just to the evil, the deranged or the criminals who committed the crimes in the first place; it is the moral and responsible who often pay the price through the erosion of their rights, and I don't happen to feel that a free society is one which restricts the rights of the many for the actions of a few.

But ours does.

Gun control is a highly charged topic, and honestly, some people who don't own a gun and don't much want to also don't care. Since it doesn't touch them personally, these folks have little problem with restrictive gun laws. Besides, aren't laws that protect the whole of society a good thing?

How about a dog? As Buck Sexton wrote in Should Certain Breeds be Banned? "A dog is a companion, but under certain circumstances, a dog can also be a tool for self-defense. It is the owner that is responsible for the actions of a dog. These are familiar themes to those who cherish Second Amendment freedoms...of course a dog doesn't constitute "arms" under the Second Amendment, but it may be instructive to think of certain dog breeds as tools of self-defense when discussing the pros and cons of a ban."

I'm guessing that more people own dogs than guns. Should society be protected from all dogs? Some might say that such thinking is just silly. Society need only be protected from the dangerous ones, right? – and some communities have an answer for that. Since certain breeds are more dangerous than others, let's outlaw those breeds. Now we have laws banning, if not confiscating, dogs on the basis of appearance, not deed. Hmmmm. Laws that ban certain types of firearms on the chance that their owner will commit a crime with them. Appearance, not deed. See how this works?

And who decides what a dangerous breed is, anyway? There was a time when Doberman Pinschers were the dog of choice among "real men." Then it became Rottweilers. Then it became "Pit Bulls." I hear Michael Vicks now owns a Belgian Malinois. Will the Malinois become the new "muscle" dog? Haven't most of us met a sweet Doberman Pinscher? Don't some of us know a goofy Rottweiler or a Bully breed who wanted to lick our face off? Is it fair to condemn an entire breed for the actions of a few dogs kept by irresponsible owners? Did the quiet Pit Bull who lives

around the corner ever hurt a fly? Did the pistol in your father-in-law's nightstand shoot up a theater?

Last year, four people were killed and eight injured by Gary Lee Hosey Jr.

In 2006, George Weller was found guilty of 10 counts of manslaughter.

Their victims died when Hosey and Weller drove their cars into a crowd. Have we outlawed automobiles? Of course not. We addressed the problem by looking at behavior, namely, drunk driving and vehicles operated by the elderly (George Weller was 100 years old at the time of his conviction). Why aren't we doing that with dogs? Instead of killing innocent dogs because of their breed, why aren't we focused on bad owners? Instead of tying the hands of responsible breeders with poorly worded laws, why aren't regulations worded to focus like a laser on irresponsible large scale breeders? Instead of chipping away at the Second Amendment, why aren't we shoring up mental health services, assembling a felon database for police to use when making a traffic stop, or offering defensive training for school teachers?

It's oh-so-easy to restrict freedoms, not so much at getting them back. Seizing one's dog solely on the basis of its breed, and confiscating guns are both unconstitutional seizures of property as I understand it, both done under the guise of safety - and yet neither seem to have made their communities any safer. Chicago has the strictest gun-control laws in the country, but it also has the highest murder rate among America's ten largest cities. In 2012, the city saw a 16% increase in murders from the year before (506 homicides) and in January of 2013, there were already 43 homicides. Only 7,640 people currently hold a firearms permit in Chicago, but police seized 7,400 guns used in crimes in 2012 alone (Washington Examiner). Bottom line, gun control laws didn't help curb crime, at least not in Chicago.

When done with "dangerous dog breeds," the results aren't much different. In June 2008, the Dutch government repealed their 15-year-long ban on pit bulls because it was an abject failure in ensuring public safety. In fact, the number of dog bites rose in spite of the ban. Spain, too, passed a Dangerous Animals Act in 2000 restricting nine breeds of dogs. A scientific study found no significant difference in the number of dog bites in Spain before or after the Dangerous Animals Act passed. Italy abolished its breed-specific regulations in 2009 which applied to 17 breeds of dogs. Italian Undersecretary Francesca Martini reported, "The measures adopted in the previous laws had no scientific basis. Dangerous breeds do not exist." When Winnipeg, Manitoba enacted a breed ban in 1990, reports of dog bites actually increased.

So much for the impact of breed specific laws.

And yet many communities continued to favor breed specific legislation - usually following the publicity of a dog bite fatality or severe mauling, and others follow suit almost in copy-cat fashion despite evidence calling into question the efficacy of such laws. It's been shown that most animal control officers are unable to accurately identify different breeds, and yet these are the people whose reports provide the statistics for "dangerous dog" ordinances. The lack of common sense here makes me wonder how much of dog legislation is really about safety, and how much of it really has to do with power, politics and revenue.

Putting regulations aside, even simple words have consequences. In 2000, Boulder, Colorado changed animals laws and ordi-

nances to refer to pet owners as "guardians," but as NoPitBullBans.com asks: "...while guardianship has the appearance of giving pets a more worthy designation, it actually negates the very property rights that keep our pets safe from governmental intrusion. To put it even more vividly, what do you think would have happened if pet owners in Louisiana hadn't had property rights to their pets after Hurricane Katrina and had been considered mere guardians? Do you think Hurricane Katrina victims would have gotten their pets back, or do you think Hurricane Katrina pets would simply have been confiscated by the state of Louisiana to do with as they so chose including giving them to a supposedly more suitable "guardian" or simply euthanizing them?"

I'll probably be sorry that I wrote about gun control in connection with dog legislation since both are huge topics that can create divisions between friends and neighbors. I don't profess to be an expert in either topic, but I have to trust my gut instincts that something is wrong here. By endorsing the erosion of rights of any of us (if only by not objecting to them), we telegraph the message that it's okay to restrict our rights on other matters, too. Sure, take the guns, seize property under Eminent Domain, ban dog breeds, regulate how much soda we can drink, lock up baby formula in hospitals, mandate exercise, enforce volume controls on music devices\*\* - where on earth does it end, and who decides?

People wiser than I am saw this coming years ago when they urged dog fanciers to unite with sportsmen to combat dog legislation. Because I was and still am personally opposed to hunting for sport, the thought of throwing in my lot with recreational hunters was repugnant to me and I didn't do it. Imagine my surprise to find myself now in alliance with groups I wouldn't have thought probable even ten years ago.

What happened?

Breed specific legislation happened. Mandatory Spay/Neuter laws happened, the Department of Agriculture, the PUPS bill, the Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005, PETA and HSUS happened. The more I paid attention to current events, the more I realized my own hypocrisy in not caring about, say, gun control. I may not have cared about gun control because I didn't own a gun, but by golly, I owned dogs and I noticed that those who were aiming to restrict both were speaking hauntingly similar language.

The debate is no longer about guns or dogs or soda pop, it's about personal responsibility and individual freedom.

That's my take, anyway, shot straight from the hip.

\*\*Proposed regulations by New York City Mayor, Michael Bloomberg

References:

An account of gun control hearings in Colorado as told by an El Paso County Sheriff  
World Wide failure of Breed Specific Legislation

**About**

S.Eniko Szeremy - or "Susi," is a writer/editor by profession with television, radio, by-lined print media to her credit. She writes social media for, and about, televised kennel clubs, and is the creator of KnobNots pet safety signs as well as "DogKnobit."

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DogKnobit is a curious blend of dog tips and trivia, product reviews and musings gleaned from 30 years in the dog fancy - all shaped by the perspective that nothing is more serious than a sense of humor; A life shared with traffic-stopping dogs proves it daily.

February 10, 2013

Dear Fellow Dog Lover,

The New York Times published an article using unsubstantiated, anecdotal episodes to paint a grossly misleading and biased picture of dog breeders who register their dogs and litters with the AKC. In addition, they relied on opinions of other animal rights organizations, without facts to back them up, in an attempt to refute the AKC's good working relationship with law enforcement, animal control officers, lawmakers and others who care about animal welfare and reporting animal cruelty.

#### AKC Respected As An Animal Welfare Organization

The article states, "But the A.K.C. is increasingly finding itself ostracized in the dog world, in the cross hairs of animal protection services, law enforcement agencies and lawmakers who say that the club is lax in performing inspections and that it often lobbies against basic animal rights bills because they could cut into dog registration fees."

- The truth is the vast majority of breeders are responsible; in fact, over 99% of the 55,000 that the AKC has inspected since 2000, have been found to be in compliance. When AKC does discover substandard conditions, our policies require that we immediately report them to local, state and federal officials.

- AKC has a productive, working relationship with local animal controls, state and local law enforcement, state departments of agriculture throughout the country, as well as the USDA, and works cooperatively with all of those agencies to ensure the enforcement of cruelty and neglect laws, as well as the provisions of the federal Animal Welfare Act.

- In fact, in many instances, the highly publicized raids for which animal rights groups take credit in the media have come about as a direct result of AKC's reporting to law enforcement.

- AKC is well respected by lawmakers who consider us credible experts on dog issues, and rely on our thoughtful and considered advice when it comes to legislation that will impact dogs and their breeders and owners.

#### Misguided Opinions Versus Facts

The article also quotes ASPCA President and CEO Ed Sayres who says "a majority of the commercial breeders in the raids that his group participated in had ties to A.K.C.-registered litters." But, there is no proof or numbers given to back up this charge. He goes on to state "The irony to the consumer is that they're paying a lot for a fake Rolex." and that he thinks "dogs are often genetically compromised and come from traumatic environments." Both of these statements are opinions that were printed erroneously as fact.

The ASPCA has a history of such tactics. Recently they reached a legal settlement with Feld Entertainment, Inc., the producer of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, agreeing to pay Feld \$9.3 million to settle all claims related to ASPCA's part in

more than a decade of manufactured litigation brought by animal rights interest groups that attempted to outlaw elephants in the company's Ringling Bros. Circus. This settlement applies only to the ASPCA. Feld Entertainment's lawsuit, including its claims for litigation abuse and racketeering (RICO), continues against the remaining defendants, the Humane Society of the United States, the Fund for Animals, Animal Welfare Institute, Born Free USA united with Animal Protection Institute, Tom Rider and the attorneys who were involved. Discovery in the initial lawsuit uncovered over \$190,000 that these animal activist groups and their lawyers paid to Tom Rider who lived off of the money while serving as the "injured plaintiff" in the lawsuit against the circus.

#### AKC is a Leading Not-For-Profit Organization

The article also states, "As recently as 2010, roughly 40 percent of the A.K.C.'s \$61 million in annual revenue came from fees related to registration. Critics say a significant part of that includes revenue from questionable breeders like the Hamiltons, or so-called puppy mills, which breed dogs en masse with little regard for basic living standards." We gave the reporter statistics that dispute this claim but they were not used. In fact, less than 5 percent of our total revenue comes from commercial breeders who register dogs and litters with us.

- The AKC, for 129 years, has been committed to responsible dog ownership and responsible breeding of dogs, and we will continue our proactive efforts to further those goals, even when those efforts impact our bottom line.

- AKC saw substandard breeders leave the registry in droves in the mid-1990's when it instituted a care and conditions policy, and more leave when we sought to insure the integrity of the registry through DNA testing.

#### An Incomplete Picture Portrayed

Hamilton Case: While the article inaccurately portrays Hamilton as a high volume breeder or "puppy mill," court documents make clear that this was a situation where "hoarding is likely a factor in what was occurring as the Hamilton's were clearly unable to part with dogs that they had collected over the years."

Williams Case: The article fails to mention that Mr. and Mrs. Williams were charged in July of 2012 with one count of cruelty, and that charge was subsequently dismissed in September of 2012, based on the judge's determination that the warrant that led to the illegal search of the Williams' home and seizure of their dogs and the filing of the single charge was invalid. The Williams engaged in civil litigation to retain custody of their dogs from the "rescue" organization involved in the illegal seizure.

This is similar to the more egregious case of Dan Christiansen in Montana who is suing the HSUS for \$5M over a 2009 "raid" of his hunting dog kennel. A judge later ruled that the warrant for the raid was obtained based on intentionally misleading information, and all of the cruelty charges against Mr. Christiansen were dismissed.

Chilinski Case: Likewise, the story fails to acknowledge that along with the seizure of Mr. Chilinski's dogs, law enforcement seized over 200 marijuana plants that he was growing on his property, a vocation which likely led to the deterioration of his kennel and his overall ability to care for his dogs in the two years between his last AKC inspection and the raid of this property.

#### Voice Your Opinion

While the AKC's critics may be vocal, they are few, led by extremist national animal rights groups who see their legislative influence and massive fundraising abilities diminished by growing

recognition that the focus of their efforts is not bettering the lives of dogs or enhancing our relationship with them.

Nonetheless, AKC continues to:

- Spend millions annually on a kennel inspections program
- Donate millions for the advancement of canine health research
- Continues to give millions to canine search and rescue and disaster assistance
- Continues to support the rights of responsible breeders to breed and raise dogs, and fight for the rights of responsible individuals to own them.

It is important to note that in any enforcement and regulatory program, there will be those who approach the regulated activity with a disregard for compliance with the rules. As a result, there is always a risk that those non-compliant few will reflect negatively on the vast majority who are in compliance. Nonetheless, the AKC remains committed to its inspection program and its belief that the AKC is helping breeders achieve compliance through education regarding best practices for breeding and caring for dogs.

Please share with your friends and family the facts and go to the NYT website and take the opportunity to post your comments about your commitment to responsible breeding and ownership of dogs.

Sincerely,

Alan Kalter  
Chairman of the Board  
American Kennel Club

### **RI Dog Law Regarding Importing for Exhibition**

Apparently there is a law in RI that requires all animals imported for exhibition are required to bring with them a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. The only other state requiring the same is Wisconsin. Because animal control officers appeared at the RI Pet Expo in Providence, RI demanding to see the CVI's on several animals, the RI dog club officials decided to explore the problem as it relates to RI dog shows.

A delegation of RI dog fanciers headed by members of the Providence Co. KC and So. County KC met with the state vet today and he has indicated that those showing dogs in RI will not need to have current health certificates with them at the show. He asks that you do have a copy of your current rabies certificate for your dogs with you. He also asked that shows have a veterinarian on site. The shows will make sure a vet is present. We all have rabies certificates for our dogs so that should not be a problem. Please tell all your friends that we are good to go for RI for the rest of the year and we do need to support the shows down there, whether allbreeds or performance events or specialties as they work to make sure we won't have issues in the future.

From AKC: Many states require a variety of vaccination or health certificates for animals exhibited in their state. Often, requirements vary according to whether the animal permanently resides in the state, and if not, how long the animal will be in the state. For more information, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) maintains information about specific health requirements by state (be sure to review the comments sections, which

may include exemptions for dogs traveling or temporarily in a state).

\*\* Health requirements from AVMA For Massachusetts (for dogs being brought into state) the following is required: Official Health Certificate required. OHC must state animals are healthy, free of symptoms of infectious or transmissible disease and internal and/or external parasites and exposure to any infectious, contagious disease, and internal or external parasites.

Dogs over 6 months of age must be vaccinated against rabies within 12 months of importation.

### **American Kennel Club Offers Tips On Dog-Friendly Gardening** (Friday, March 15, 2013)

March 20 marks the first day of spring, and many people will soon begin planting and tending to their gardens. While humans love their gardens, they can actually be dangerous to our four-legged friends. To help keep your garden dog-friendly this spring, the American Kennel Club (AKC®) offers the following tips:

•Avoid using dangerous plants: It's important to do research on the plants that you will be using in your garden. There are common flowers and plants that can be unsafe or even fatal for dogs. Some plants to avoid are Calla Lilies, Sago Palm, Azalea, and Rhododendron, among others. Be mindful of flowers and plants, such as roses, that have thorns.

•Be careful of pesticides: Pesticides used to control insects and weeds in your garden can be hazardous for your pup. Do not use pesticides with snail bait with metaldehyde and fly bait with methomyl. Be sure to follow directions and be sure that pesticides are stored in a place where your dog cannot get to them.

•Designate a play area: Give your pup a designated area to play that is away from your garden. It's a space where your dog can run around, burn some energy or even do some digging. Having this designated play area will help prevent your pup from causing damage to your garden.

•Establishing boundaries in your garden: To help keep Fido out the garden bed, you can use a fence or border. A low picket fence or a border using rocks or stones can help protect your garden. It's best to use vocal commands and treats to help your dog distinguish between where your dog can and cannot go. Raised garden beds or paving a path in your garden using brick or gravel can also help your dog distinguish boundaries.

### **American Kennel Club Offers Tips On How To Prevent Your Dog From Digging Up Your Garden**

Have you planted your spring plants only to find that your dog has made a minefield out of your yard? The American Kennel Club (AKC®) notes that while certain breeds, terriers in particular, tend to dig more because it's in their genes, dogs dig as an outlet for frustration when they are left alone outside in the backyard. Digging provides something to do when an active, intelligent dog is bored out of his mind.

"Dogs dig for a number of reasons," said American Kennel Club® (AKC) Canine Good Citizen® Director and Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, Mary Burch, Ph.D. "It is a common issue that dog owners face, but it can be fixed with a little time and planning."

Dr. Burch offers the following tips on why your dog is digging and

how to help him stop.

#### What You Can Do

- Providing mental stimulation through daily play and training sessions is the best thing you can do for a bored dog. The AKC Canine Good Citizen program is a great place to start by teaching your dog how to sit and stay down on command.
- Try making a digging pit in your yard that is basically an acceptable place for your dog to dig. Burying bones or favorite toys will help your dog learn that this place is an approved area.
- When it is hot outside, dogs will dig to try and expose cool earth for them to lay on and lower their body temperature. You can avoid this by bringing your dog inside so that he doesn't have to handle the heat on his own when it is very warm out. If you don't want to give your dog access to your whole house while you're gone, designate a climate controlled area with water and toys for your pooch to stay.



## 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.

**Candy Acres Private Major**, (CH Aquarius Lobuff Liddle Pvt Nicholas X Eternity's Major Believer), was Reserve Winners Dog at Westminster this year, and took his second 3 point major at the New Brunswick Kennel Club in Edison NJ on Friday Maarch 22, 2013 under Judge Jamie Hubbard.

Gayle Abrams  
Candy Acres Labradors

**Grampian Viking Aspen X-treme, RN** earned her Rally Novice title with Owner/Trainer: Penny Shultz at the Labrador Retriever Club Rally Trial, garnering perfect scores. Aspen's parents are Ch Danbridge Indiana Jones, WC x Bronze GrCh/UKC Ch Viking Hil'Die Tanzbarin MH RA WCX and was bred by Gerrie Owren and Robin Anderson. HOORAY ASPEN!



**AKC/Can Ch Grampian Tiki Torch, JH, WC** became an AKC Champion on March 13, 2013 with four majors! The same weekend she earned her title she was also awarded BOS and Select, followed by two more Select wins for four Grand Champion Majors. Bred, trained and owned by Robin Anderson and Gerrie Owren, Tiki's next job is as a Junior Showmanship dog for Julianna Mary Anderson. What a team!

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



## 2012 LRCGB's Member Awards of Merit

Shirley Cardillo	Shoreline Cedarwood Kathryn at Toryhill, CGC Title Earned: CGC
Karen and Dick Kennedy	Pleasant Pine's A Bit of Mischief, CDX, MH, WCX, Can WC, CC, CGC Title Earned: MH
Karen and Dick Kennedy	Pleasant Pine's Hidden Treasure, CDX, MH, WCX, CC, CGC Title Earned: CDX, MH
Karen and Dick Kennedy	Cedarwood's Always Playing at Pleasant Pine, JH Title Earned: JH
Stephanie & David von Jess	CH Candy Acres Major Investment Title Earned: CH
Stephanie von Jess & Cassi Belli	CH Librtycrk Mr. Bojangles Title Earned: CH
Stephanie von Jess & Jean-Louis Blais	Chablais Lune De Miel RE Title Earned: RN, RA, RE
Margaret Mitchell	Can CH Meadowmere's Inka Dinka Doo of Oakland Title Earned: Can CH
David & Nancy Corckum & Margaret Mitchell	Meadowmere's Mallard Gunner SH Title Earned: SH
Abby & Bob Crosby	AM GCH/CAN CH Venetian's Copy That Title Earned: GCH
Barb Burri	ARCHEX URO1 Burri's Lofty LadyHawke CD,CD-CCH2,BN,THD,CGC, CC, Title Earned: ARCHEX, CD-CCH2, RLVX13
TDIRVA,RLVX13	
Susan Ketcham	CH Aquarius Lobuff Liddle Pvt Nicholas at Brookstone, CGC Title Earned: CH, CGC
Nancie Freitas	Duckback's Gentle Current of Wildeland, JH Title Earned: JH
Cathy Arno	PACH Integritys Paid By Mastercard RA MX MXS MXJ MJS MXP8 MXPG MJP8 MJPG PAX3 Title Earned: PAX3
Pam Kimel	Lakebound's Fresca the Magic Elf UDX JH MX MXJ Title Earned: UDX
Caron Bronstein and Sandra Nelson	Yarborough Charles Brown CD RA Caron Bronstein Title Earned: CD, RA
Caron Bronstein	Yarborough Sweet Enterprise Am/Can CD Am/Can RA BN RE Title Earned: Can CD, Can RA
Darlene Tucker	Gingersnap Amber Rose JH, CGC Title Earned: CGC,JH
Marianne Rousseau	Cedarbay's Make My Day,BN, TDI, WC Title Earned: BN
Cheryl Palmer	Grampian Smoke'N Mirrors @ Fairview, JH, WC Title Earned: JH
Ingrid Jackson	CH Premiere's Ice Cold & Hot Wired Title Earned: CH
Margaret Mitchell	MHCH. MEADOWMERE'S LEX Title Earned: CH MH
Jen Quinn	Bailey Quinn CDX, JH, RE, NAP,NJP Title Earned: NAP,NJP
Annmarie and Jon Wilson	Wilann's Candy Cane CD RE CC WC CGC Title Earned: CD, RE, WC
Annmarie and Jon Wilson	Calsam Wilann's Pecan Double Delight WC CGC Title Earned: WC, CGC
Marilyn Meewes	GCH. Danbridge Black Pearl WC Title Earned: GCH
Marilyn Meewes	Ch. Danbridge Rumor Has It WC, RN, RA, CD Title Earned: Ch, RA, CD
Marilyn Meewes	Danbridge Shake It Up WC, JH, RN, RA, CD Title Earned: JH, RA, CD
Jan Johnson	MACH Lakebound JMarks Yuletide Joy JH,MSJ Title Earned: MACH, MSJ
Cathy Shea	Heart and Soul's Red River, JH WC Title Earned: JH
Rainer Fuchs	Ready Aim Fire! SH Title Earned: SH
Gerrie Owren, Robin Anderson	Am/Can CH Grampian Lil' Puckwedgie KaBoom JH Title Earned: CH

Gerrie Owren, Robin Anderson	Can CH Grampian Tiki Torch JH Title Earned: JH
Marie Walls	Broadway's Blazin Hot Chocolate WC RA Title Earned: RA
Marie Walls	Broadway's Evening Dove RN Title Earned: RN
Marie Walls	Broadway's Inherit The Wind RA Title Earned: RA
Joel Wolff	Grampian Hickory's Crimson H2ODragon CDX, RE, JH, THC, CC, CGC Title Earned: CDX
Danette Chorney	Foxrun's Galileo UD VER RAE CGC Title Earned: VER
Danette Chorney	Bridge City's Luv Me Dew CDX RAE OA OAJ NF CGC Title Earned: OA, OAJ, NF
Danette Chorney	Taking the Elle Train CGC Title Earned: CGC
Peggy Shultz	Grampian Viking's Aspen X-Treme! CGC, RN Title Earned: CGC, RN
Peggy Shultz	Mythago's Green Hawthorn, UD, RAE, VER, JH, THD, CC, WCI, CGC Title Earned: VER
Kathy Fisher	Jasper's Boy Bailey WC JH Title Earned: JH
Robin Anderson and Gerrie Owren	AKC Bronze GrCh/U-Ch Viking Hil'Die Tanzbarin, MH, RA, WCX Title Earned: GCH
Robin Anderson and Gerrie Owren	Rockycreek Goin' Mobile from Grampian RN Title Earned: RN
Robert & Donna Pasquale	HRCH Layla's Starr Keeper of Time CD CDX-C RE MH Title Earned: CDX-C
Linda Berkeley	Shoreline's Sabrina Fairchild CDX RAE JH TDI CGC Title Earned: RAE
Linda Berkeley	Shoreline Lobuff Beaumont WC Title Earned: WC
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/Nancy Brandow & Linda Berkeley	Can. CH. Cedarwood's Wuthering Heights, RE, SH, WCX Title Earned: RE
Nancy R. Brandow	Cedarwood's Winter Wishes, SH Title Earned: JH SH
Donna Gray	Macgregor's Hollaback Girl, CD, ASCA CD, ASCA RN, NW1 Title Earned: NW1

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