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From the President

Today in the obituary, I read that another one of Hawke's people had passed away. Hawke's people? Hawke is a therapy dog who visits multiple libraries, and an assisted living facility with an Alzheimer's harbor unit. One of her Alzheimer folks, Barbara has left. When Barbara first came to the assisted living she was so sad, she had to give up her dog to come there. She spent the first day she met Hawke, sobbing into Hawke's coat, she missed her own dog so much. Over the years, we'd have happy visits, and sobbing visits. Every sobbing visit took a bit of a toll on Hawke, and it would usually be our last visit of the day. Hawke would walk a little slower, drag her back feet when we were done, and it was time to go home. I know Hawke brought her much peace, just to have that dog to hold, and hug, and laugh or cry with.

Hawke has lost a few folks over the years. Al, a nice man, very quiet, who never left his room. His wife was gone, his life was just empty, but he so loved Hawke. "She's a looker", he'd always say. He'd give her great pats, and after a few months, we'd find him in the lobby, awaiting her visits. Little by little, he accepted life at the assisted living, going on trips, participating. But never on a Hawke day, he'e always be there waiting... "She's a looker", "What a great companion, and look at how she looks at you... now that is devotion" Al never missed a Hawke visit. And Hawke's friend Betty, who always said, "Hawke give the best kisses, I don't have a man to kiss me now, but Hawke gives the best kisses", she would hunt us down, find us wherever we were on visiting day, to "get her kisses".

Tommorrow, Hawke will be 9. She has changed my life for the better. Without her, I would not have all my dog friends, all the fun we have at agility, rally and obedience trials and classes. Without her, and her siblings, we would have been cold indeed in the Ice Storm of '08, how does anyone sleep without a labrador? Without Hawke, I never would have gone back to school to be a Vet Tech, or taken a second round of "back to school" to work on my Masters' in Education. Like Roger Caras said, "Dogs don't make our

Triple Crown Standings

Handler	Dog	Breed	Obedience	Score
Gerrie Owren	Dazzle	1st	198	398
Robin Anderson	Lola	1st	197 1/2	397.5
Marianne Rousseau	Harry	1st	197	397
Heidi Williams	Purple	1st	197	397
Gerrie Owren	Hildi	1st	196	396
Maria Corrigan	Kirby	3rd	200	300
Robin Anderson	DaisyMae	3rd	198	298

Breed Placements

Puppy bitches 2 to 4 mo

- 1 Cheryl Curtis & Vicki
- 2 Wendy Ernst & Orla

4-6

- 1 Heather Johnson & Emmy Lou

- 2 Joan Hendricks & Sarah
- 3 Sue Willumsen & Akira
- 4 Marianne Rousseau & Fig

6-9

- 1 Beth Robillard & Dottie
- 2 Laura Witts & Sarah
- 3 Beth Robillard & Shammy
- 4 Carol Caouette & Brown Sugar

9-12

- 1 Brian Hawkins & Ruby
- 2 Karen Pandolfi & Neeci
- 3 Amy Oles & Quincey
- 4 Robin Anderson & Tiki

12-18

- Beth Volle & Nellie

bred by

- Robin Anderson & Lola

chocolate

- Mary Catharine & Esther

yellow

- Robin Magee & Sedona

novice bitch

- Marianne Rousseau & Lily

open black bitch

- 1 Heather Johnson & Stevie
- 2 Sue Willumsen & Michigan
- 3 Robin Anderson & DaisyMae

veteran bitch 10+

- Robin Anderson & Dory

veteran bitch 7-10

- Barb Burri & Hawke

- am bred bitch
- Sue Willumsen & Della

- dog 2-4 mo
- 1 Cheryl Curtis & Joey
- 2 Peggy Lands & Carson
- 3 Laura Witts & Jack

- dog 12-18
- 1 Mary Jo Mansfield & Turner
- 2 Amy Oles & Tanner

- neutered dog
- 1 Marianne Rousseau & Harry
- 2 Barb Burri & Merlin
- 3 Maria Corrigan & Kirby

- hunting retriever dog
- Sue Lindberg & Luke

- hunt ret bitch
- Gerrie Owren & Dazzle

- champion of record bitch
- Gerrie Owren & Hildi

- spayed
- Heidi Williams and Purple

- dog 4-6
- 1 Robin Magee & JJ
- 2 Melody Losea & Moondancer
- 3 Laura Witts & Weaver
- 4 Laura Witts & Chad

- dog 9-12
- 1 Amy Oles & Graham
- 2 Joan Viator & Luke

- dog 6-9
- 1 Carole Cauette & Sam
- 2 Laura Witts & Simon
- 3 Wendy McNaughton & Justin
- 4 Heidi Williams & Jetty

- best adult
- Heather Johnson & Stevie
- best of opposite
- Mary Jo & Turner

- best pup
- Cheryl Curtiss & Vicki
- best opp pup
- Amy Oles & Graham

Obedience Scores

- Pre Novice
- Maria Corrigan & Kirby 200
- Robin Anderson & DaisyMae 198
- Beth Texieira & Emma 198
- Gerrie Owren & Dazzle 198
- Robin Anderson & Lola 197 1/2
- Marianne Rousseau & Harry 197
- Barb Burri & Merlin 197
- Gerrie Owren & Hildi 196

Novice B

- Dominic Tringale & Skoll 199
- Sue Lindberg & Luke 198
- Chuck Haynes & Paker 197.5
- Heidi Williams & Purple 197
- Sukie Noble & Ticket 167.5
- Eileen Perez & Cosmo 159.5

Novice A

- Jessica Bruno & Kuma 197.5
- Joan Viator & Luke 109.5

Open A

- Sue Lindberg & Luke 198.5
- Pat Gaudette & Summit 176.5
- Shirley Cardello & Emmy 169.5
- Sukie Noble & Streak 168.5
- Beth Texieira & Jenna 129.5
- Ann Hassett & Connie 110

Utility A

- Beth Texieira & Leah 169.5

Rally Scores

- Rally Novice
- 1st Eileen Perez & Cosmo 97
- 2nd Jessica Bruno & Kuma 95
- 3rd Shirley Cardello & Emmy 92
- 4th Anne hassett & Cameo 91

- Rally Advanced
- 1st Ann Hassett & Connie 89
- 2nd Barb burri & Hawke 84

- Rally Excellent
- 1st Pat Gaudette and Summitt 99
- 2nd Heidi Williams and Purple 94

**The Sweeps Results
were lost in the
Black Hole Trailer.
If someone can hunt
them up they can be
printed in the next
issue of OTTER
TALES.**

Obedience judge Pam Woodes would like to thank all the steward's especially Purple's young owner Arden for all their help with being posts.



Member Accomplishments

Marion Amidon's Rosie (**Moosehead's Prairie Rose**) titled for Master Hunter at our Spring Hunt Test. It was perfect. Rosie brought back the ducks, Marion managed to not fall down and it was our club test. Rosie is a team player and wonderful to live with and work with.

Mayfair Sylvio at Tameric was WD at the LRCPV Specialty under Finnish judge Kirsi L-Tweedledum. This is Sylvio's second major. He is owned by Tammy Farrington and Eric Benzinger, and was bred by Karen K Pandolfi and Julie Jussaume.

Ch Mayfair Verbena JH earned her 3rd Senior Hunter leg at the LRCGB's Spring Hunt Test. Bena is owned and loved by Julie Jussaume and Karen K Pandolfi —bred by Karen K Pandolfi.

Grampian Lil' Puckwudgie KaBoom (*Ch Hyspire Shahli Hotter N' Blazes x Grampian Bedizened Viking, RN, JH, WCI, CGC, CC*) had a great spring at the shows. She was awarded Reserve WB at the show held at the Twin Rivers Casino under judge Frank Washabaugh from the 9-12 puppt class. A couple of weeks later she won the 9-12 puppy bitch class at the LRCPV, plus got two sweepstakes placements & made the cut in the 9-12 puppy class the next day.



KaBoom's sister, **Grampian Tiki Torch**, auntie **U-Ch Grampian Lola Tortola Viking, RN, JH** and the newest

Grampian girl, chocolate **Aquarius Caribe at Grampian** (*Ch Erinhill's Guinness Stout x Aquarius Curious Georgie*) all made the cut in both sweeps and their puppy/Open classes at the same specialty both days. KaBoom, Tiki and Lola are all bred, owned and loved by Gerrie Owren and Robin Anderson. Rhumba was bred by Kathy Sneider, VMD & Julie MacKinnon and owned by Gerrie, Robin and Kathy.

U-Ch Grampian Lola Tortola Viking RN, JH, WC, CGC, CC (*Ch Hollyhills Delby's Samuel Adams WC, CGC x Ch Snowden Hill Mango Crazy, JH, RA, WC, CGC. CC*) was WB in Freehold, NJ on May 22nd.

At the LRCPV specialty, **AKC/U-Ch Viking Hil'Die Tanzbarin RN, JH, WCI, CGC, CC** earned a placement in the Hunting Retriever Bitch class, plus she helped her Junior Handler win the Best Junior in Show award. Zach Orcutt and Hildi had a great time at the show! Hildi was bred by Gerrie Owren (*Am/Can Ch Aquarius Centercourt Delight, JH, WC x Viking Zinka Dew, JH, CD, WCI, CGC, CC*) and is owned and loved



by Gerrie, Robin Anderson and Zach Orcutt.

Danbridge Charlie Girl (*Ch. Danbridge Henry J X Wits'end Origins Comedy Star*) took the 9-12 Black Sweepstakes class (of 30 entries) at the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac under Judge Linda Schiele. Charlie is owned and bred-by Marilyn and Ken Meewes.



Danbridge American Girl - aka Dolly - (*Trinity's Titus X Danbridge Pin-Up Girl*) took a 4th in the 6-9 Yellow Sweeps class (of 24) at the LRCP under Judge Linda Schiele. Dolly is owned and bred-by Marilyn and Ken Meewes.

Danbridge Cover Girl - aka Ruby - (*Trinity's Titus X Danbridge Pin-Up Girl*) took a 2nd in 6-9 Sweeps at the New England Sporting Group Assoc. under Judge Kellie Collins. Ruby is owned by Brian Hawkins and Marilyn Meewes.

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO 4/30 - 5/3 FCI INTERNATIONAL DOG SHOWS (A chance to win 4 Bench Titles). Margaret Mitchell's Labrador Retriever "Chummy" flew out of Boston with Handler Sue Burrell and came back home with his PR CH. He went BOB over Entry of 15 and Sporting Group II over 23. He recieved an Excellent from Judges all 4 Shows and picked up 2 legs each on a Latin AM - Pan AM and International Championship. Call me: **CAN.BER.PR.CH.MEADOWMERE'S LETS GET CHUMMY WC**



MONCTON, NB CANADA 5/2-3-09 **BPISS CAN CH. MEADOWMERE'S NORWIND OOH LA LA** TOOK BACK TO BACK BOB AND SPORTING GROUP II. "Chick" is owned by Claude Tremblay and Margaret Mitchell. In April Issue of Canine Revue she is the # 2 Labrador Retriever in Canada right now.

Ch Mayfair Verbena, SH earned her Senior title on Long Island on May 24, 2009. Bred by Karen Pandolfi (Mayfair) and co-owned with Julie Jussaume (Maritime), Bena was trained and handled by Paul Bothelo of Gunning Island Retrievers.

**The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston
Presents:**

Problem Solving for Retrievers in the Field
with Patrick Daignault; Topgrade Retrievers

Training your dog for field work? Do you have problems you need solved? Then this is the seminar for you!

Date: June 6-7, 2009: 8:30-5pm Location: Freemont, NH
Cost: \$200 dog/handler teams (limited to 15); \$100 for observers (unlimited)

This two day seminar will cover issues in training your dog for field work. The workshop will focus on solving specific problems for handlers, such as breaking, creeping, noise, bird handling, popping, weak blinds, etc. Dog/handler teams will participate in both marking situations and blinds (for dogs that handle). The set-ups will be tailored for the specific problems to be addressed. Dog/handler teams will learn how to solve the specific problems for their dog, as well as learn from other dog/handler teams.

Flyers will be provided for working dogs both days

Dogs of all levels are welcome.

About Patrick Daignault: Pat specializes in training young dogs for field trials. He worked for Jim Van Engen (Right Start Kennels) for 4 years, followed by 2 years with Bill Eckett (Blackwater Retrievers). He has competed and won with dogs at the derby and qualifying level, as well as qualified dogs at the junior, senior, and master hunt test levels. He is now in his third successful year on his own with Topgrade Retrievers.

Send your application form and check (made out to Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston (LRCGB) by May 30 to:

Joey Edsall 875 West Street Carlisle, MA 01741 Jme86@aol.com

Applications for dog/handler teams will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis until the maximum is reached. Bring a chair and food for the day.

DIRECTIONS: From south. Route 495 to exit 51B route 125N toward Plaistow, NH. Follow rt 125N to rt 107 (~12 miles) (left on route 107 – Dunkin Donuts on left). Follow ~ 3.5 miles to entrance on right – signs will be posted.

Problem Solving for Retrievers in the Field Application Form
Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

____ Dog/Handler Team ____ Observer

Dogs Name(include titles): _____

Call Name: _____

Describe the level of the dog and the specific problems you wish to address:

Flyer Day!

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2009
**High Ridge Wildlife Management Area Gardner,
MA**

Join us for a club training day at High Ridge Wildlife Management Area in Gardner, MA.

We will have a shot flyer with a dead-bird for a double retrieve on land. We'll use all dead birds on water.

Fee for the Beginner class was included with class tuition - it's free for you!

All other LRCGB members: \$25 per dog

? Questions ? email: Marsha@MarshaWilcox.com

Date: Saturday, June 20, 2009

TIME: 8:00am - 5:00pm

COST: Beginner Class - Free
LRCGB members: \$25 per dog

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 13

NOTE: Registrations must be received by this date so we can order birds

Registration due June 13,2009

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Number of dogs: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Beginner Class members: No charge (But, please register so we can get a bird count!) LRCGB members: \$25 per dog

Send your registration & check (made payable to LRCGB) by June 13 to:

Margaret Stubbs 12 Meadowbrook Rd Weston, MA 02493

Questions? email: Marsha@MarshaWilcox.com

***Bring a chair and food for the day - water for the dogs.
Part of the fun is working in the field in addition to running
your dog(s).***



International Genetics, Inc
NEWS FOR LABRADOR RETRIEVER
BREEDERS

Dear Lab Breeders:

I want to express my most sincere thanks to the Labrador Retriever breeding community for your business & support of Pawsitive I.D. over the last 2 years and particularly since our re-launch in December. Lab breeders have been one of our primary customers since day 1 and I want

you to know that our business has been built around the loyalty, confidence & patience you and your fellow breeders have shown us. Our number 1 goal is to provide breeders with a revolutionary genetic testing resource like no other. And although we do experience some growing pains from time to time, we feel as though we are meeting our goals. If you think otherwise, please let us know. Critical feedback is paramount in fixing any problem and we welcome it.

My reason for this email is to address critical feedback we have either received directly or have seen posted on some of your numerous blogs concerning our turn around time. This is really the only complaint we get. And rightly so. You as a customer and a breeder need timely results on the genetic tests you purchase from us. Although we had met our goal of 30 days or less on almost 100% of the purchased tests since December 2008, we are currently experiencing an equipment problem in The Bahamas that has delayed the processing of the PRCD portion for 47 customers, some of which are Lab breeders. We hope to have these tests finished and uploaded into our Customer Portals by the middle of this week. These 47 customers will have had a 30-40 day window due to these technical problems.

A 30-40 day turn around time is unacceptable and we realize this. However, when our system has worked properly, we have had turn around times of 21 days or less. In fact 22% of tests have been processed in this time frame since December. We are investing a great amount of funds in the Freeport lab to help expedite our results and we believe we will be able to improve our time to 21 days or less within the next 60 days, hopefully sooner.

InGen and Pawsitive I.D. have many exciting plans for the future including several new popular disease screenings and physical attribute tests in addition to a more timely turn around time. All of this is made possible by you and your business & support.

Please feel free to contact me directly at anytime with any question or concern you may have regarding our product or any other issue as it relates to your breed and genetic testing. I am always at your service.

Thanks again!!!!!!

Rick Dobbins, **International Genetics, Inc** General Manager

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Rescue News

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.

We need knowledgeable Lab people for a variety of volunteer opportunities throughout our service area. Most tasks involve a small time commitment, just a few times a year:

- Foster homes (not kennels) provide a temporary residence where the dogs can be observed in a natural, family setting, pending adoption by previously screened applicants. The typical stay in foster care is 1-2 weeks.
- Conduct home studies of people in your area who have applied to adopt from LRR. You and your Lab visit applicants, by appointment, and complete a home study form. Each visit takes 30 minutes to 1 hour.
- Evaluate Labs at shelters, vet clinics, or private homes for temperament, health, and to make sure the Lab is purebred. Each visit takes 30 minutes to 1 hour.
- Other opportunities include basic obedience training, transport, publicity, fundraising, public education.

For more info and volunteer forms: www.labrescue.com 978-356-2982

PERMISSION TO CROSS-POST

There have been many developments in state rabies laws across the country in which The Rabies Challenge Fund has had a leading role — the most recent being Rhode Island's Rabies Control Board passing a 3 year protocol with medical exemption. It is official, now all states have adopted the 3 year national standard!

Kris L. Christine

Founder, Co-Trustee

THE RABIES CHALLENGE FUND

www.RabiesChallengeFund.org

RHODE ISLAND - Board OKs Change in Rabies Policy

Providence Journal News Digest May 1, 2009 http://www.projo.com/news/content/news_digest_01_05-01-09_5KE7P0O_v4.38640bf.html

PROVIDENCE — The Rhode Island Rabies Control Board has approved a change in policy that could pave the way for regulations that will allow the vaccination of dogs and cats every three years, rather than every two years.

The board approved a proposal to work with lawyers on regulatory language that would allow vaccines to be administered in accordance with the "durations of immunity" listed on the manufacturers' label, said the state's veterinarian, Dr. Scott Marshall.

Delaney Group Procedures

Mass Wildlife is charging \$25 per session for use of the Delaney Watershed area. To defray these costs, we collect the following fees:

1. **Beginners Class:** For participants in the LRCGB Beginners Class, the fee for the class covers the grounds fee for the duration of the class. Participants wishing to use the grounds after completion of the class may do so for a fee of \$20 per person for the rest of the season. The Beginners Class will have first priority for selection of grounds for the duration of the class.
2. **Club Training:** LRCGB members may pre-pay for the season for a fee of \$35 per person. After the Beginners Class ends, pre-paying participants will have first priority for selection of grounds.
3. **Members wishing to pay for use of the grounds on a daily basis** may do so for \$5 per handler, per day. Prepaying participants will have priority in running their dogs; drop-in participants will get a refund if their runs cannot be accommodated because we are running out of daylight. Drop-ins should let the group know by Monday 5pm (the day before) if they will be attending that Tuesday. (If you are not part of the field google group, please email your request to either jme86@aol.com or rainer@fuchsamerica.com)

Fees for the season should be sent to:

Margaret Stubbs, 12 Meadowbrook Rd., Weston, MA 02493

The check should be made out to Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston. Please include your email address and you will be added to our google group for information.

Field Committee

Delaney group procedures

- When entering the roadway, please drive 5 mph. We'd like to keep a good relationship between our training group and the dog walkers.
- Participants should let the group know if they will be attending and how many dogs by Monday 5pm (the day prior) Tuesday's session.
- Be prepared to work in the field and provide equipment. The club has some equipment, but is dependent on others to provide starter pistols, etc. At a minimum, **participants are expected to bring a duck call, whistle, and a working radio.**
- Running order and substitution will be provided at the beginning of the session. This substitution order may include providing assistance to the Beginners Class.
- Each week will have a pre-arranged set up, which will be designed to teach dogs of different levels. Prior to the training session we will discuss the set-up, what it is designed to teach and how to run the set-up depending on the level of your dog. We will work with you to help you run the appropriate set-up for your dog.

- The training session are expected to start at 5:00 and run until dark. If you arrive late you may not be able to run all the set-ups.

- This is a training session, think about what you want you and your dog to LEARN. Do not try to win the training session, you will have ample time to demonstrate your dog's ability at the tests. While all dogs have bad days, if you dog appears to consistently have problems, then you may want to consider that the task you have asked is beyond the current ability of your dog. All dogs learn at different rates and have different problems. Do not feel your dog should be able to do the most difficult set-up or that a training approach used by one member is always the right approach for your dog. Don't hesitate to ask more experienced handlers for suggestions how to simplify if you're in doubt. Ask questions!

- Please make sure your dog is ready to run when it is your turn. Ideally, there is always a dog in the holding blind. Air your dog in advance, pick up after your dog!

- Please be aware that we're sharing the grounds with other people walking their dogs. **If someone complains, be courteous, offer to explain what we are doing, but do not get into arguments.**

How to write your legislators!!!!!!!

Email: ginagross@mindspring.com

FIRST of all, know who your legislators are. <http://www.naiatrust.org/gov/index.htm> can help you figure this out. You can also get good information from the various email lists. I know we don't have time to read more email - but think about getting at least one for your home state or for dogs only. This one is much less busy than Pet-law but often has the same cross posts that it does. Send an email to: doglegislation-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to set up a subscription. If you don't like it you can always unsubscribe.

Communicating with Legislators By Mail or Fax

- First Rule! DO NO HARM - be Polite!
- Use the proper form of address on the envelope and inside address. For senators and representatives: The Honorable [Full Name]
 - Start your letter: Dear Senator [last name] or Dear Representative [last name]
 - Make your letter legible. Handwritten letters are great, but if your handwriting isn't very easy to read, type the letter! It must contain your name, return address and telephone number – readable!
 - Always be polite. Never, never preach, threaten, or scold!

In the first sentence, state your position. "I oppose [bill number]" or "I am against..."

- Then introduce yourself: "I am a hobby breeder of Flat Island Zorchers in Bug Run."
 - Be clear and concise. State exactly why the legislation concerns you
 - Focus on one or two issues at a time – don't try to cover everything in one letter.
 - Use personal examples. Say how the legislation would affect you.
 - Say exactly what you want – not , "Please consider this carefully," but "Please vote AGAINST this."
 - Keep it short – no more than one page long.
- End by saying "Thank You" and " I look forward to your response."

AKC Launches New Canine Legislation Tracking System

[Wednesday, May 06, 2009]

The AKC is pleased to announce the launch of the new AKC Government Relations Legislation Tracking Service. This new service enables you to check the status of all 2009 canine legislation in each of the 50 states, as well as federal legislation.

To use this service, go to the AKC Government Relations web page, www.akc.org/canine_legislation and click on the large "AKC Government Relations 2009 Legislation Tracking" icon. This will bring you to a new page with a clickable map of the United States. To view federal legislation, click on the "US Fed" icon to the right of the map. You can also click on any state to view that state's pending canine legislation, the latest legislative developments, the progress of specific bills, and, if applicable, AKC legislative alerts and messages. In addition, you can view the actual text of the bill or read a brief official legislative summary.

The AKC does not have a position on every bill posted; rather, this service is meant as a reference tool for you to see all the issues being considered in your state.

We hope you will enjoy using this new service of the AKC Government Relations Department.

Any questions or comments regarding this new service should be directed to the AKC Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720 or doglaw@akc.org.

AKC Calls on All Dog Organizations to Spread Responsible Dog Ownership Message this September

[Wednesday, May 06, 2009]

- Annual AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days Comprised of Hundreds of Events -

Each year, the American Kennel Club® calls on its nearly 5,000 affiliated dog clubs and all other pet-related organizations from around the country to participate in AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days. The nationwide initiative educates the public about the importance of being a responsible dog owner and celebrates the deep bond between humans and their canine companions.

"Last year more than 600 organizations across the U.S. held AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day events in their communities," says AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "We are thankful to those who have helped us spread this important message and encourage more organizations to join us in 2009."

Events can be held anytime during the month of September. Sign up at www.akc.org/rdod and create an "Event Account" by August 1, 2009. The first 500 organizations who confirm the details of their event will receive a complimentary resource-filled packet including posters, brochures, stickers and many more materials to assist them in putting together an entertaining and informative event. All events will be listed on the AKC web site, searchable by state, beginning July 1.

"The AKC believes that education is the key to addressing responsible dog ownership issues in every community," added Peterson. "AKC RDO Days have helped clubs forge valuable relationships with legislators, news media and community leaders, which has

helped bring clubs to the table when legislation is being discussed in their community and seek support for educational programs and activities."

Once again, Invisible Fence® Brand is a proud nationwide sponsor of AKC RDO Days and will support community events, as well as attend AKC's flagship event in Raleigh, North Carolina on September 26th, where AKC's Operations Center is located. Included will be activities such as AKC Canine Good Citizen® tests, Obedience/Agility/Rally demonstrations, microchip ID clinics, breeder referral and rescue information, raffles, games and many more entertaining and educational events.

To learn more about AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days, sign up to hold an event or view photos and information about previous events, please visit <http://www.akc.org/clubs/rdod/>.

Two Ways to Protect Your Rights:

[AKC PAC](#) | [AKC Canine Legislative Support Fund](#)

- The AKC Government Relations team is working hard to protect the rights of dog owners, breeders, and fanciers throughout the country, but we need your help!
Why are there two funds, and what's the difference?

The Canine Legislative Support Fund is used to educate and lobby elected officials on your behalf at the federal, state, and local levels and to ensure your rights as a responsible dog owner are protected. These funds may not be used to contribute to political campaigns. AKC Political Action Committee (PAC) funds are used to contribute to campaigns to help elect dog-friendly leadership in congress and state houses across the nation. PAC funds may not be used to lobby officials once they are in office or to influence legislation. They may only be used in campaigns.

AKC PAC: Help Support Dog-Friendly Government Officials

One of the most important ways to protect your rights is by ensuring that there are dog-friendly elected officials in the state and federal governments. To accomplish this, the AKC has established the AKC Political Action Committee (AKC PAC), where one-hundred percent of the funds go directly to help elect dog-friendly candidates. Contributions may not be earmarked for individual candidates, but donors may make recommendations to the PAC Board about candidates they believe are worthy of support.

Who can contribute to the AKC PAC?

Any member of an AKC-affiliated club may contribute. AKC-affiliated clubs may hold fund-raisers for the PAC and may solicit or provide opportunities for their members to make PAC contributions. PAC contributions, as with those to the Canine Legislation Support Fund, are not tax deductible. For more information, call AKC Government Relations at (919) 816-3720.

How much can I contribute?

Individuals may contribute up to \$5,000 per year. The PAC must report to the Federal Elections Commission the name, address and occupation of all persons who donate more than \$200 per year to the fund. Some states also require us to report the name, address and occupation of PAC contributors. These reports are available to the general public.

There is no minimum contribution, so please consider giving whatever you can to help support candidates who will protect your rights!

[Click here to support dog-friendly candidates](#)

AKC Canine Legislation Support Fund: Support Responsible Dog Owner Rights

Each year, the AKC Government Relations team expends significant resources fighting legislation that would institute breed bans, breeding restrictions, mandatory spay/neuter laws, crop and dock laws, excessive licensing fees and other threats to your rights to own and breed dogs. Still, each year, the threats seem to grow.

Combating negative canine legislation is a costly endeavor, which is why the AKC has established the Canine Legislation Support Fund. Every dollar contributed to this fund goes directly to helping AKC fight legislation that infringes on your rights as a responsible dog owner, and to support legislation that protects your right to own and enjoy dogs.

Who can contribute to the Canine Legislation Support Fund?

Anyone concerned about protecting the rights of responsible dog owners may contribute to this fund. Contributions may be made by dog clubs, by individuals or any other group. These contributions are not tax deductible.

How are these funds used?

Protecting the rights of dog owners is a multi-faceted effort. One-hundred percent of your donations go to supporting legislation, securing formal representation of our interests in congress and statehouses, and educating legislators about responsible and fair policy for dog breeding and ownership.

Any assistance you or your club chooses to provide will greatly enhance our efforts to defeat the onslaught of repressive legislative initiatives and to ensure your rights, not only today, but for generations to come.

[Click here to protect the rights of responsible dog owners](#)

Carrol County Kennel Club Show Info

Although LRCGB is not doing a supported entry at Carrol County, they will continue to offer rosettes to the first placement in each class- this is done by Friends of Labradors which is just a bunch of lab breeders and breed supporters. Some belong to our various lab clubs, some no longer or never did. The bigger placements like BOB, etc is offered by CCKC as a thank you for offering the support

Jeanne Charest has asked me to share this with you to see if any of you would like to be a Friend of Labradors this year.

Minimum due to cost of ribbons and the ad itself in the catalog is \$20. The individual gets a one line ad as a "friend" and usually consists of their name and their kennel name. People are listed alphabetically not by how much they give It costs about 250\$ for the ribbons over the 2 days and the ad in the catalog.

Checks are made out to Jeanne Charrest and sent to her and Jeanne takes care of the order with Hodges for the ribbons and of course MB-F for the ad. If someone has questions about a regular ad, they should contact Jeanne. nhwoodduck@myfairpoint.net

Jeanne M. Charest

Show Chair Carroll County Kennel Club

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Labrador Retriever Tricuspid Valve Disease

Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania are conducting a study on Tricuspid Valve Dysplasia (TVD) in Labrador Retrievers. TVD is a congenital cardiac defect, is heritable, and can lead to heart failure. The research team is seeking to identify the responsible gene(s), and are in need of blood samples from affected dogs as well as their immediate relatives (affected or unaffected). This research is funded through a grant from the AKC Canine Health Foundation with the financial support of the OFA.

<http://offa.org/RequestforTVDAffectedDogs.pdf>

DNA Clearance listing for Labradors

<http://www3.telus.net/k9/dnatestlist.html>

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Braggs and In Memoriam

Free of Charge for members. Please include name of dog, owner, breeder, pertinent dates, and a high resolution photo.

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Members may list litters for \$5 per litter. Please include all information: Name of parents, clearances, and contact information.

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www.labrescue.com
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National Lab Rescue
www.thelabradorclub.com/rescue/

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

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 publication? Email it to Robin:
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Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Opens/Closes
Jun 6 & 7, 2009	Pat Daignault Seminar	Freemont, NH	Info
Jun 11&12, 2009	Specialty	Westford, MA	May 27, 2009 Enter
Jun 20, 2009	Flyer Day	Gardner, MA	Jun 13, 2009 Enter
Jul 19, 2009	Working Certificate Test	Hopkinton, NH	
Sep 19 & 20, 2009	Fall Hunt Test	TBD	

Pet Astrology

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

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



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