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From the President

The end of another year. Wow. Its a time to look back, and smile, at all the funny antics our Labs create, at the ribbons they've won, maybe there is a new title or two on your pack and awards of merit in your future. Perhaps you had some puppies, and had the bittersweet days of sending them off to their new homes, or the watching and waiting for that hopeful to mature to their potential. Maybe it was a year of difficulty, but for the joy our dogs bring us.

2010 will be a new year, a new start, and its the year of the tiger. They say that people born in the year of the tiger have a lively disposition and are forthright and uninhibited in nature. I think that goes for Labradors no matter the year in which they were born. We are so lucky to have our dogs, and I feel especially grateful to be ending this year with my Labs in good health and good spirits, with lots to look forward to, lots of volunteer opportunities and lots of fun to be had. I hope to see you all in 2010 at one of our many events that are upcoming. It will be a good year for our club, lots to do, places to go, people to see and dogs to love.

Happy New Year to all

Barb

Club News

We have a membership email group. This is for club members only. Anyone who joins the group can post notices about events, brag about your accomplishments, ask questions about club stuff, training, and breeding. Go to this web site to join.

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

Follow the instructions to join the group. Your membership will be approved and you can stay current with club & member news.

Be sure to set your email program so that it will accept mail from: labrador-retriever-club-of-greater-boston@googlegroups.com

Things to think about this year:

- 1) Put aside some auction items for the June specialty. It is never too early to think about this.**
- 2) This club has working requirements. What have you done to help out the club?**
- 3) We are looking for chairs for the June specialty: trophy, clean up, obedience, and advertising**

Fall Hunt Test Photos:

<http://www.jeremykezerphotography.com/tests/2009/20090919-LRCGB/index.html>

Cathy and I want to extend a huge thank-you to all you Lab Club members and friends for putting on such a great LRCGB fall hunt test last weekend. I heard comments from everywhere about how smoothly things ran and how relaxed, unstressed, and nice everyone was. You got the job done and gave everyone who ran a good time. We had wonderful marshals, great winger stringers and popper shooters, accurate gunners, tireless bird stewards, cheerful blind planters, expert canoers, and good lunch makers. Audie's and Scott's careful planning, bird counting, and equipment management, all with humour and good cheer, made all the difference in how well the test ran. And special thanks to Roxanna who took care of all the paper work and a million other things that we don't even know about!

We'd also like to thank the non-club members who helped so much – Dianne and Steve Brunelle, Patty Duddy's friend Russ, Joe Creedon, Jim Olmsted, Hank DuBois, Paul Priola, Kitty Cunkelman, Joe Juza, and Tara Yohan. If we've left anyone out, please pass it along.

And lastly, thanks to our LRCGB member judges, Doris Aylward, Joey Edsall, and Karen and Steve Sullivan (Karen and Steve put in a full work-day at Master on Friday before judging on Sunday!)

Thank you all. You're great guys!

With much appreciation,
Cathy and Margaret

Here are a few dates to save

Jan 2, 2010 for the Holiday open house, Christmas on Pine Street

Jan 31 winter match

March 6/7 Obed and Rally Trial All Breed

March 27th annual meeting (soft date but hold it for now, will confirm soon)

May 1/2 Hunt Test

May 9th Spring Match

May 22nd Agility Trial

Specialty June 17/18

http://www.akc.org/pdfs/Corres_Date_Table.pdf is the corresponding calendar for AKC, we are the thurs/fri before week 24 so you can plan out to 2020 when our specialty will be

I sent a trophy mailing saying june 10/11 but that was wrong, I didn't proofread it... (proofread? who has time to read? I stand in front of the microwave yelling "HURRY UP!!!")

Barb

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.

Lab Rescue needs your help!

This year's economic turmoil that has affected many households is affecting Lab Rescue, too. We're experiencing a higher volume of dogs being surrendered from families who have lost their homes and/or jobs and cannot afford routine veterinary care. As a result, updating the dog's medical records has become a significant expense for Lab Rescue. Such routine veterinary expenses can include annual vaccinations, heartworm testing, laboratory blood work, neuter surgeries, and other miscellaneous ailments common to the Labrador breed such as treatment of hot spots and ear infections. Even with discounts from veterinarians, the costs far exceed what Lab Rescue receives in adoption donations. We raised our adoption fee this year, for the first time in many years, but with such high expenses we do not expect to break even this year.

We are dedicated to work with each Lab on a case-by-case basis to find the most suitable, well-screened, loving home. However the cost of fostering, training, and veterinary care in many cases well exceeds the adoption fee. Nevertheless, we do what is in the Lab's best interest before being adopted. We never refuse a Lab just for not having been neutered and/or updated with vaccinations, as we are here to help them. And we will always take back any Lab we have placed, if needed, over the course of the Lab's lifetime.

Your tax-deductible donation goes to the dogs (literally)!

We're volunteers who donate our time and spend donated funds responsibly. While most of our foster homes provide foster care for free, space depends on their availability. Consequently, reimbursement for fostering is another major expense for Lab Rescue. Typically, 90% of our expenses go directly to our adoption program.

Success stories

At Lab Rescue, we don't measure our success by how many Labs we rehome; we pride ourselves on finding the perfect home for the Labs entrusted to us.

Here are some of this year's success stories:

v We helped rescue a young woman with 3 children from a domestic abuse situation by rehoming her Lab so the family could go to a shelter.

v In separate incidents, we rescued a purebred chocolate Lab and a purebred black Lab the day they were to have been euthanized "because the 10 days were up." In one case, the dog officer called us because he was a "good boy" that she couldn't put down just because he was homeless; in the other, the animal clinic where he was being kenneled called our Hotline.

v We placed two Labs, ages 5 and 9, in a new home together after their elderly owner died.

v We rescued a 1-year-old black Lab who had spent most of her life chained outside. A dog-loving neighbor stepped in and suggested the owner surrender her to Lab Rescue.

The bottom line...we need your donation today!

Please mail your check, payable to "Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc." to Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc., PO Box 77, Hamilton MA 01936 or donate by credit card on our secure website www.labrescue.com. We rely totally on donations from people like you, adoption fees, and fundraising events hosted by volunteers for our income. We do not receive any state or federal funding. Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. We will provide a receipt of your tax-deductible donation for your tax records. **On behalf of the Labs whose lives you are saving,** thank you in advance for your support.

Subject: Canine Cognition Lab@Harvard Looking for Breeders
From: caninecoglab2@gmail.com
To: caninecoglab2@gmail.com

Greetings,

My name is Sofia, and I work at the Canine Cognition Lab at Harvard University. You are receiving this email because you signed up your canine companion to be tested at our lab a few months back. Right now we are entering an exciting new set of experiments and are looking for dog breeders located in the area of Massachusetts and near the NY state/Massachusetts border. If you are a dog breeder or know of a dog breeder, please email us back, and we will contact you about our new NON-INVASIVE behavioral tests that involve testing how dogs perceive gender, race, and other social categories.

Best wishes for the holiday season,
Sofia





Member Accomplishments

"Merlin" ARCHX Grampian Raptor Mystique, CD, RE, RL3, RL1X, RL2X, CTL-1, TDI, CGC, CC (Ch Hollyhills Delby's Samuel Adams WC, CGC x Ch

Snowden Hill Mango Crazy, JH, RA, WC, CGC, CC) earned his CD on November 1, 2009 at the Burlington Obedience Training Club Trial in Williston Vermont. Then he earned his NJP at the LEAP agility trial in Springfield 11/21/09. Merlin was bred by Robin Anderson and is owned, loved, and trained by Barb Burri.

Highmeadows' Miss Liberty Bell JH WC CC CGC Oct 3rd Missy earned her WC at the PRLRC Test under Scot Shaw. she also qualified for her CC Sept 18/20 Missy went to the LRCGB Hunt Test and earned two legs twd her JH under judges Linda Marchica, Joey Edsall, Steve and Karen Sullivan On Oct 24/25 we took off to Long Island to again qualify under judges John Biegel, Cynthia Dunchelmann, Carol White, and Justine Lorentzson for the title of JH Missy also qualified back to back Sept 12/13 at the Saco River Hunting Retriever Club HRC Test Sue Barrett, the breeder, and I are very proud of her back to back accomplishments since she is only 15 months old....she sure is a fun dog to handle...Marlene Lendrim

Joel Wolff and Cory got their third qualifying score at the CRDTC

obedience trial on November 14, 2009, and thus their AKC Companion Dog title in the Novice B class. They then capped off the weekend by getting a "bumper leg" in the same class on Sunday as well as 3rd place. So, to recap: Joel and Cory did 7 trials over the last 6 weeks,

achieved 2 new AKC titles (Rally Advanced and Companion Dog) and received 5 placements in the process. So Cory is now: **Grampian Hickory's Crimson H2O Dragon, CD, RA.** Cory was bred by Gerrie Owren and Robin Anderson (Ch Liddle Leaping Leo x U-Ch/Am CH Viking Hil'Die Tanzbarin, RN, JH, WCX, CGC, CC)

WILCARE'S PRINCESS MACGREGOR CDX, NA, CGC, UD earned her CGC, Novice Agility and her UD. **MACGREGOR'S IRISH SURPRISE CDX** earned her CDX. Both dogs earned their titles within a week of each other. Both are loved and trained by Beth Teixeira.

SHR Snowden Hill Justa Fairview Illusion, JH, WC "Llew" completed his AKC Junior Hunting title at the Lab Club of Greater Boston's test with a bumper leg to boot. He did a great job and we were very proud of him. Looking back on this year, Llew passed 12 out of 13 tests that he ran, completing his AKC Junior Hunter, UKC/HRC Started Hunting Retriever title, and two legs towards his NAHRA

Started Retriever title. Llew was bred by Gladys Rogers of Snowden Hill Labradors.



Gerrie Owren and Robin Anderson are very proud of their

three girls this fall. After seven months of hard training, Gerrie took **U-Ch/Am Ch Viking Hil'Die Tanzbarin, JH, RN, WCX, CGC, CC** (Hildi), **Snowden Hill Miss DaisyMae, JH, RN, WCX, CGC, CC** (DaisyMae), and **Grampian Bedizened Viking, JH, RN, WCX, CGC, CC** (Dazzle) to Long Island for back to back Senior hunt tests. All three girls passed both days, returning with six Senior rosettes. This was after all three girls passed their WCX at the PRLRC WC/WCI/WCX tests the previous week-



end. Gerrie and Robin are looking forward to a litter of puppies out of Dazzle and Ch Lobuff Wizard of Oz in January with training to resume at the turn of daylight savings in 2010 to work at finishing their titles.



Grampian Tiki Torch WC earned her WC at the PRLRC October tests. Tiki was bred by Gerrie Owren and Robin Anderson (*Ch Hyspire Shahli Hotter Than Blazes x Grampian Bedizened Viking*). Also earning her WC was **Grampian Liddle Ptychozoon WC**. Gecko is out of Hildi by Ch Liddle Leaping Leo. And last but not least earning her WC, handled by Robin, bred and owned by Gerrie Owren and Diane Pilbin was **Chucklebrook Pati-O Furniture WC**. Barely six months old, Pati-O had a wonderful time at the test. (*Ch Sureshot's*

Baloo x Chucklebrook Virginia Rail)

Grampian Lil' Puckwudgie KaBoom, Can WC earned back to back Canadian Working Certificates in October handled by Sharon Lueckhart (Highcaliber Labradors). KaBoom went on to win a Best in Sweeps at the Delaware Ohio Kennel Club under judge Barbara Holl, also handled by Sharon. KaBoom earned five Championship points while in Canada and will go back to finish her title in the spring. KaBoom was bred and is owned and trained by Gerrie Owren and Robin Anderson. (*Ch Hyspire Shahli Hotter Than Blazes x Grampian Bedizened Viking*).



Danbridge Katheryns Emmy Award RN, CD, CGC earned her Rally Novice title on September 17th at the Pawcatuck River Labrador Retriever Club Specialty with a nearly perfect score of 99. She bumped up to Rally Advanced the next day earning her 1st leg in this category. On Halloween, Emmy received her 1st leg in Open A at the Bullmastiff Trial held in Franklin. With more shows on her agenda, new titles are definitely in her future for 2010. Emmy is owned, loved and pampered by Shirley Cardello.



AIN'T IT THE TRUTH!

(Author Unknown)

With some people you just don't have a chance...

If you talk about dogs, you're a know-it-all; if you don't, you're a snob.

If you don't stop to chat at a show, success has gone to your head; if you do, you're a show-off.

If your dogs are at all the shows, you're not letting others have a chance; if your dogs aren't at all the shows, you're afraid of the competition.

If your dog wins, you know the judges; if they don't win, you know nothing about breeding.

If you win and thank the judge, you're playing politics; if you win and don't thank the judge, you're rude.

If you lose and congratulate the winner, you're a hypocrite; if you lose and don't thank the winner, you're a poor sport.

If you've been breeding less than 20 years, you're a novice; if you've been breeding for more than 20 years, you should step down and let the newcomers have a chance.

If you use your own stud, you're kennel blind; if you go outside for stud services, you don't think much of your own breeding.

If you sell most of your puppies, they aren't good enough to keep; if you keep them, you couldn't find buyers.

LRCGB WINTER FUN DAY SHOW AND GO for MEMBERS & GUESTS

January 31, 2010 At



201 Alfred Lord Boulevard - Rte 140 Taunton, MA 02780
508-821-PLUS



POT LUCK LUNCH

Make checks payable to LRCGB

Breed Conformation at 9:30 AM

Obedience Obedience to start at 9:00am

Sweepstakes Caroln Harvey, TrueNorth Labradors
Juniors , Regular Ingrid Jacson, Premiere Labradors

Utility TBD; Open Donna Gray; Novice Shirley Cardello

Puppies 4-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-18, Novice, Bred By,
Amer. Bred, Open Yellow, Open Chocolate, Open Black
Bitch or Dog

Please indicate number of times entering. \$8.00 first entry, \$6.00 second entry same dog

Directions:

- **Rte 495 North** to EXIT 9
- Go SOUTH (left) on Bay Street heading towards Taunton
- Come to traffic light – take a RIGHT onto Industrial Park Road (entrance to Myles Standish Industrial Park)
- Follow all the way through the park out to Route 140
- Go LEFT (south) on Route 140 (heading towards Taunton)
- Travel 1.4 miles – look for business sign on left (just after Standish Gas Station which is on the right).
- Turn LEFT at sign.
- **Rte 495 South** to EXIT 11 – Rte 140 South
- Travel 7.4 miles south on Rte 140 – look for business sign on left (just after Standish Gas Station which is on the right).
- Turn LEFT at sign.

ENTRY FORM

Separate Form for each dog, please.

\$8.00 first entry, \$6.00 second entry same dog

Obedience to start at 9:00am Conformation at 9:30am

Send Obedience entries to Beth Teixeira, 57 Martha Road Rumford R.I. 02916

Any questions: email Macgregorlabs@cox.net or call (401-440-3387)

Send pre-entries for Sweepstakes and Conformation

Marianne Rousseau: cedarbay_labs@msn.com

Must pre-register for sweepstakes classes

Entry Fee: \$_____ by Pre-Entry. Closing Date January 17 , 2010.

Dog's Name: _____ Sex: _____

First Dog Show Class: _____ Second Dog Show Class: _____

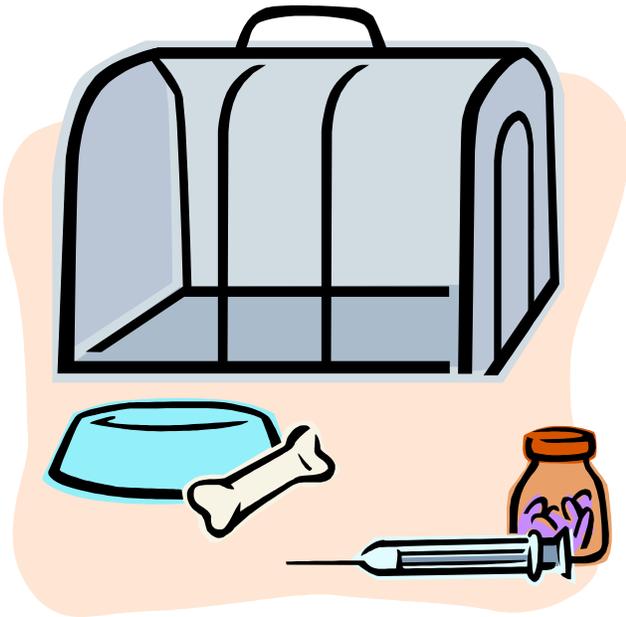
First Jump Height: _____ Second Jump Height: _____

Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

City / Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____



“Dog Stuck in Crate — by Flea Product!

October 14, 2009 at 7:52 am by Dr. Laurie S. Coger

A veterinarian presented with a peculiar case of a poodle stuck in its crate last week traced the problem to the pet’s spot-on flea treatment, as reported by Edie Lau for VIN News Service.

Residue from the product Advantage, which was applied between the poodle’s shoulders, somehow came in contact with the plastic base of the animal’s crate, dissolving the plastic and causing the dog’s belly to stick to the crate. When the dog wouldn’t come out of its crate the next morning, the concerned owner brought the dog, crate and all, to Dr. Tej Dhaliwal of North Town Veterinary Hospital in Ontario, Canada. Following two hours of investigating, Dhaliwal concluded that benzyl alcohol, an inactive ingredient in Advantage, was to blame.

Bob Walker, a spokesman for Bayer in the United States, confirmed that Advantage contains benzyl alcohol, which reacts with certain plastics. He said he consulted with colleagues in veterinary services and was told, “We know it can happen, but we’ve never seen it.” In fact, a lead veterinarian at Bayer thought most of the veterinary community was aware that the product could react with plastic. None of the three veterinarians I asked knew of this — and all had prescribed countless doses of Advantage and Advantix.

The incident certainly surprised Dr. Dhaliwal, a practitioner for 13 years, who posted his experience in an online discussion board of the Veterinary Information Network (VIN). Some veterinarians said they were familiar with the potential for the product to damage plastic, but many were astonished by the news. Dhaliwal said the owner of the dog, a 15-year-old poodle mix, had applied Advantage to the dog before bedtime. He speculated that the dog rolled over in the crate before the liquid pesticide dried. Presumably, residue of the product made contact with the plastic floor of the crate, causing the plastic to dissolve and “glue” the dog in place overnight.

The white dog had a patch of dark gray plastic about 6 inches by 4 inches stuck to its fur. Following the advice of representatives at Bayer, Dhaliwal said, he removed the remaining plastic using the contents of another two tubes of Advantage. Once freed, the dog was fine. Bayer Animal Health, maker of Advantage, acknowledged that the flea treatment was the likely culprit and offered

to pay the owner’s veterinary bill, compensate him for loss of salary and replace the crate, Dhaliwal said.

Walker at Bayer said the company veterinarian he consulted speculated that benzyl alcohol is found in a variety of spot-on flea treatments besides Advantage. However, it’s not possible to determine which products contain the compound by reading their labels, as manufacturers are not required to list inactive ingredients. Officials in Canada examined the lot of Advantage used on the dog to check whether it contained an abnormally high concentration of benzyl alcohol but found nothing unusual.” (1)

From the Bayer website –

What type of adverse reactions or irritations should we expect from treatment with advantix?

In view of the large number of doses already sold in the USA, the frequency of appearance of adverse reactions has been extremely limited. In some particularly sensitive animals, cases of cutaneous sensitisation have been found with loss of coat or erythema or pruritus. All these - generally transient - cases were located at the site of application and were problems of individual skin allergy. In some rare cases, phenomena which could be traced to what is termed paraesthesia occurred.(2)

So there isn’t any mention on the Bayer site thst this is a possible effect from Advantix (or other spot on type Flea/Tick pesticides.)

Remember, Flea and Tick products are pesticides, regulated by the EPA not the FDA, they aren’t drugs and the rules are a bit different. <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/health/pets.htm> is the weblink to the pet section of the EPA where there is valuable information about these pesticides. The EPA is showing more scrutiny of these products and their safety, and has good advice about using these products.

(1) <http://blog.timesunion.com/petsandvets/304/dog-stuck-in-crate-by-flea-product/>

(2) <http://www.advantix.info/Questions-and-answers.1193.0.html#c5921>



HSUS Lies To Congress, Public

About New 'PUPS' Legislation

Would Call Out Feds On Many Non-Breeding Kennels

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WASHINGTON, DC – The Humane Society of the United States is pushing new federal legislation that the radical animal rights group claims is aimed at stopping large dog breeding kennels that skirt the law.

According to HSUS, the legislation targets only kennels that sell more than 50 puppies a year. The bill's sponsors, Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) and Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA), repeat those claims.

They are lying through their teeth, an American Sporting Dog Alliance analysis of the actual legislation shows. In fact, the legislation targets almost every boarding, daycare, training and handling kennel in America, along with many hunt clubs and hunting plantations. It also impacts many serious hobbyists, who have a lot of dogs even though they only raise a couple of litters of puppies a year, our analysis shows

Rep. Farr is the prime sponsor of H.R. 6949, and Sen. Durbin is the sponsor of its companion bill in the Senate, S. 3519. The formal name of this legislation is the "Puppy Uniform Protection Statute," or "PUPS." It also has been nicknamed "Baby's Bill," after a rescued dog from a commercial kennel that is touring the country with its owner, Chicagoan Jana Kohl. Kohl is on an HSUS-sponsored campaign against "puppy mills," and has visited several states. Her recent book includes a photo of presidential candidate Barack Obama, and his reported commitment to clamp down on "puppy mills."

The legislation is an amendment to the federal Animal Welfare Act, which requires federal licensure of commercial kennels (called "dealers") who sell puppies wholesale to brokers or pet stores. This law does not regulate people who sell dogs and puppies directly to the consumer.

HSUS calls this a "loophole," and has been pushing for many years to include kennels that sell directly to the buyer. Previous attempts, such as the Pet Animal Welfare Act and Sen. Durbin's attempted amendment to the 2008 Farm Bill, have failed.

The PUPS legislation is the latest attempt by HSUS.

Here is how HSUS describes the legislation: "The Humane Society of the United States and Humane Society Legislative Fund commend federal lawmakers for introducing bills that will crack down on abusive "puppy mills" in the United States — where breeding dogs are often stacked in wire cages for years to produce litter after litter. The legislation will close a loophole in the Animal Welfare Act that currently allows large, commercial breeders who sell puppies online and directly to the public to escape licensing and regulation."

Here is the fictitious HSUS description of who will be affected: "All dog breeders who sell more than 50 puppies per year directly to the public will be federally licensed and inspected...The bill will

not affect small breeders and hobby breeders who sell fewer than 50 dogs per year directly to the public, but is crafted to cover only the largest commercial breeding facilities."

Press releases by Sen. Durbin, Rep. Farr and other members of Congress echo those claims.

Here is what the legislation actually says, in sections defining a dealer and who is exempt from licensure as a dealer.

A person or kennel owner who "does not breed or raise more than 50 dogs for use as pets during any one-year period" and who sells dogs or puppies "directly to the public for use as a pet" is exempt from licensure and regulation as a dealer. Any dog is defined by the Act as a pet, regardless of its use or purpose. Thus, a person who meets that definition does not require a federal license.

The words "breed or raise" are an obvious and deliberate attempt to snare many kennel and dog owners in federal regulations, including many kennels that do not breed at all. The language is very ambiguous and could be interpreted to include virtually anyone who has a lot of dogs.

The term "raise" is not defined in the legislation, but is generally interpreted to mean a person who keeps, cares for, houses or owns a dog or dogs.

Most professional trainers and handlers of field trial, show, obedience or performance dogs would have more than 50 dogs in their kennels over the course of a year. In fact, many trainers and handlers who employ helpers would have more than 50 dogs at any given time, and most do not breed at all.

A boarding kennel, dog daycare service, hound hunt club, hunting plantation or circus could be included under a definition that they "raise" more than 50 dogs per year. Even many private field trialers and show dog people would have more than 50 dogs a year in their kennels, as they often keep most of the puppies they produce to evaluate. For field trial dogs, for example, it often takes two or three years of working with a young dog to determine if it is worthy to use for competition or breeding.

A favorite tactic of HSUS is to deliberately use ambiguity in model legislation in order to entrap as many kennels and dogs in the law as possible, going far beyond the stated purpose. If HSUS and its elected cronies had wanted to be honest, the legislation simply would say that it excludes anyone who sells fewer than 50 puppies a year.

It is obvious that truth is not their highest priority.

The HSUS propaganda mill for this legislation continues to attack people who use the Internet to sell dogs or puppies. It attempts to link Internet sales with sick puppies and shoddy "puppy mills."

In fact, almost all of America's finest kennels in every breed have a presence on the Internet. Most have websites, and many run online advertisements to sell individual dogs and litters of puppies.

If anything, a good case could be made that it is almost impossible to buy a high quality puppy from a kennel that does not make use of the Internet. The Internet simply is a reality of modern life, and a reported 80-percent of American households use it.

This smear campaign is simply another attempt by HSUS to tar dog breeders with the broadest possible brush. At best, it shows complete ignorance of the real world of dogs. At worst, it shows a vicious attempt to defame honest and conscientious people who

raise dogs.

HSUS is not an animal welfare organization. It has nothing to do with local humane societies. Instead, it is a political action and lobbying arm of the radical animal rights movement that continually pushes for tighter restrictions on animal ownership, with each piece of legislation making a step toward its ultimate goal, which is the total elimination of animal ownership in America.

Another section of the legislation requires all dogs kept in federally licensed kennels an hour of exercise a day, divided into at least two separate periods. Dogs would be removed from their primary enclosures and allowed to walk for these exercise periods.

The final section of the legislation specifically allows states to adopt more stringent standards.

While a member of the California Assembly, Farr also authored legislation to severely regulate dog breeding.

Co-sponsors of PUPS in the Senate are [Sen. Dianne Feinstein \[D-CA\]](#), [Sen. Claire McCaskill \[D-MO\]](#), and [Sen. Ron Wyden \[D-OR\]](#). House co-sponsors are Reps. Judy Biggert (IL), Lois Capps (CA), Terry Everett (AL), Barney Frank (MA), Elton Gallegly (CA), Jim Gerlach (PA), Patrick Kennedy (RI), Mark Steven Kirk (IL), Daniel Lipinski (IL), Betty McCollum (MN), Thaddeus McCotter (MI), James McGovern (MA), Dennis Moore (KS), James Moran (VA), Patrick J. Murphy (PA), Jerrold Nadler (NY) and Janice Schakowsky (IL).

The American Sporting Dog Alliance is urging all dog and kennel owners to immediately contact their congressman and senator and ask them to vigorously oppose this legislation.

Here is a link for contact information for senators: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm.

Here is a link to contact information for the House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW.shtml>.

The American Sporting Dog Alliance represents owners, breeders and professionals who work with breeds of dogs that are used for hunting. We welcome people who work with other breeds, too, as legislative issues affect all of us. We are a grassroots movement working to protect the rights of dog owners, and to assure that the traditional relationships between dogs and humans maintains its rightful place in American society and life.

The American Sporting Dog Alliance also needs your help so that we can continue to work to protect the rights of dog owners. Your membership, participation and support are truly essential to the success of our mission. We are funded solely by the donations of our members, and maintain strict independence.

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Seeking “Smart Dog” Stories

You know your dog is brilliant - sometimes. So write the story. If it doesn't seem quite brilliant enough for a book, send it on to **Dog In Sight** or your local dog newspaper/column.

<http://karenshanley.com/blog/>

Hey guys, want to make your smart dog famous? I've been contracted to write a book that will include stories about how dogs demonstrate their intelligence. I'd like to include a story about your Doggy Einstein if you've got a good one.

If you think for a moment, I'll bet you can recall several stories.

To help jog your memory:

Has your dog ever demonstrated uncommon common sense?

Has your dog ever shown cleverness or trickiness in getting its needs met, or in any other way?

Has your dog ever problem-solved in creative ways?

Has your dog ever thought its actions through?

Has your dog ever understood every word you said, even the ones you didn't teach it, to accomplish your request?

Has your dog ever concocted interesting ways, demonstrating intelligence, to keep itself amused?

Has your dog ever easily outwitted you, or another pet?

Has your dog ever known what you needed before you did?

Does your dog have an amazing internal clock, or a sense of geography/location?

Is your dog an escape artist extraordinaire?

You get the idea.

There is no limit to the number of stories you can submit. Just write from the heart to tell your tale. If your submission is selected, not only will you get to see your story in print, but you'll also get to have both your and your dog's name included at the top of your story.

So get crackin' and email your stories to me at "Karen at Karen Shanley dot com," with "Smart Dog" in the subject line. If I think I can use your story, I'll be in touch with further details.

Please feel free to copy and cross post to dog lists and dog friends.

Thanks!

Pawcatuck River Labrador Retriever Club is pleased to present

Pat Hastings "Puppy Puzzle Plus" Seminar

Saturday January 30, 2010; 9:00am-5:00pm (sign-in begins 8:30am)

Crowne Plaza Providence-Warwick 801 Greenwich Ave, Warwick, RI 02886

Registration:

\$100.00 per person (includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch)

****EARLY Registration deadline January 1, 2010****

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Pat is well respected in dog-world as an educator, author and AKC judge. Well-known for her Puppy Puzzle video, she has articles published in a wide variety of dog magazines and evaluates the structural quality of over 300 litters' per year.

She has been involved in the dog world since 1959 and began her career as an owner-handler, moving into breeding, then teaming up with her husband in professional handling. She is currently an AKC judge of the Herding, Non-Sporting Groups and Working Groups; Junior Showmanship; and Best in Show.

Based on Pat Hastings' acclaimed video, "Puppy Puzzle: The Hastings Approach to Evaluating the Structural Quality of Puppies," this presentation has information to benefit everyone working with dogs and every puppy out of a conscientious breeding program. The single most important decision we can make for our puppies is to determine whether each puppy is structurally sound enough to do what we will ask of it in its lifetime. Whether the hope is for the show ring and whelping box or obedience, agility, field trials or flyball, we owe it to our dogs to know in which lifestyle each may best flourish.

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Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Opens/Closes
Jan 31, 2010	Winter Match	Taunton, MA	
Jan 31, 2010	General Meeting (at Match)	Taunton, MA	
Mar 6, 2010	Obedience Trial	Franklin, MA	
Mar 7, 2010	Rally Trial	Franklin, MA	
Mar 14, 2010	Health Clinic	Walpole, MA	
Mar 27, 2010	Annual Meeting		
May 1, 2010	Spring Hunt Test		
May 9, 2010	Spring Match	Westford, MA	
May 19, 2010	General Meeting		
May 22, 2010	Agility Trial	Smithfield, RI	

ARIES (Mar 21- Ap 20)

Pet Astrology

Aries cats and dogs are born to be leaders in their territory. They try to boss the other pets in their immediate neighborhood. No other pet can dare to bully them. They cannot be easily put under leash. They call for attention. If not given adequate attention, they are likely to become rebellious, stubborn and disobedient. When pampered they do not hesitate to show back their gratitude. It is a little difficult to get them under your words. They are known to be territorial and defend the same with all their might.



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