

Upcoming Events

- Field meeting and Holiday party on December 15
- 2003 Membership dues are due.

Please See Inside Back Cover for Membership Dues Form!

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Canine Massage & Stretching

Consolidated from materials prepared by Lena Larsson.

The following is a primer on how to stretch and massage your dog. Physical therapy is equally helpful as an aid in recovery from injuries, as it is in preventing injuries.

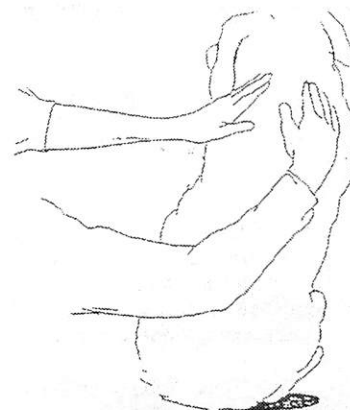
While rehabilitation and physical therapy have been mainstays of human medicine for some time now, they are relatively new concepts in veterinary care. Many dog owners still think of physical therapy as a tool used primarily to help rehabilitate a dog after an injury and/or surgery. However, by using the techniques described in this article you may be able to prevent injuries from occurring.

Massage

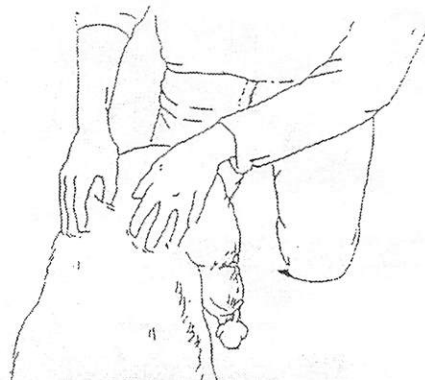
Massage loosens up sore and stiff muscles by improving blood circulation. The massage exercises described below take about 15 minutes to complete once you and your dog get used to the process. While most dogs enjoy being massaged, not all do, and you should never force your dog to lay still. Talk softly to the dog while massaging and only do as much as your dog lets you. While these exercises focus on the back and rear, similar techniques can be used for the neck and shoulders as well.

1. Start by running your palms and fingers slowly down the sides of your dog's backbone. You can do both hands simultaneously or on one side at a time. Repeat a maximum of 15 times per minute for about 2 or 3 minutes.
2. Spread your fingertips and move your fingers in a circular motion along the dog's back. This motion will help your dog relax. Repeat for about 2 or 3 minutes.
3. Move your hands to the upper thigh area and continue to move your fingers in a circular motion for about 2 minutes. Continue with deeper circles using several fingers to apply pressure on the muscle

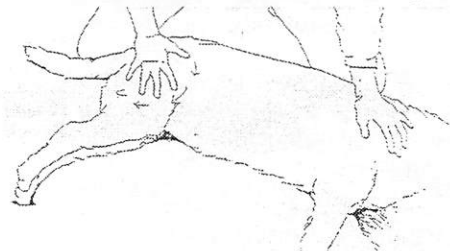
for about 1 or 2 minutes. End the massage by letting four or five fingers vibrate with the grain of the hair using light to medium pressure a few times.



1. Run hands down the dog's backbone



2. Use a circular motion on the dog's back



3. Use a circular motion on the thigh area
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Field Committee—New chair needed!

We are looking for a volunteer to organize LRCGB Field Activities. You don't have to run all the events—just organize the meetings, take minutes and report back to the Officers and Board of Directors of the club.

Anyone interested in chairing this committee, please contact Karen Kennedy at Pleasantpine@aol.com or 978.774.8458 for more information.

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The deadline for the next issue is February 1


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may submit your announcement on diskette to the address below or via email to h2olab@charter.net. Note that we reserve the right to edit announcements as necessary. Please mail your payment (made out to LRCGB) to:

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
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
Publication Date	Deadline
Q4 - December	November 1
Q1 - March, 2003	February 1
Q2 - June, 2003	May 1


LRCGB Website

Please visit our website at:

 <http://www.geocities.com/lrcgb/>

If you are interested in information about adopting a Labrador, please contact Lab Rescue:

 <http://www.labrescue.com> or

 (978) 356-2982



Purina Study Helps Your Dog Live Longer

Nestle Purina PetCare Institute

LIFE LONG PURINA STUDY REVEALS HOW TO HELP YOUR DOG LIVE LONGER.

A new study from Nestlé Purina PetCare shows pet owners may have the power of longevity in their own hands.

In the first-ever lifelong canine diet restriction study, Purina researchers have proven that a dog's median life span can be extended by 15 percent – nearly two years for the Labrador Retrievers in this study – by feeding to ideal body condition through diet restriction, according to findings published in the current edition of the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The 14-year Purina "Life Span" study found that dogs that consumed 25 percent fewer calories than their littermates during their lifetimes maintained a lean or ideal body condition*, resulting in a longer life. According to experts, the study provides the most significant data to date on the effects of diet restriction as the ...

1. First diet restriction study completed for the entire life span of a larger mammal;
2. First completed study to document that diet restriction increases survival time in mammals larger than rodents;
3. First study to achieve these health benefits for dogs with moderate reduction of food intake (25 percent versus the 30 percent to 50 percent typically used in rodent studies).

"We all know that obesity, whether in humans or canines, is generally bad for health," says Dennis Lawler, DVM, Purina scientist and a lead study investigator. "What's exciting about this study is that, for the first time in a larger mammal, we have shown scientifically that by simply feeding to maintain ideal body condition throughout a dog's life, we can increase length of life while delaying the visible signs of aging. That's powerful stuff."

Study Design - A Lifetime of Information

When the study began, 48 eight-week-old Labrador Retriever dogs from seven litters were paired within their litters according to gender and body weight and randomly assigned to either a control or restricted-fed group. The control group was allowed to eat an unlimited, or free choice, amount of food during 15-minute daily feedings. Dogs in the restricted, or "lean-fed," group were fed 75 percent of the amount eaten by their paired littermates.

All dogs were fed the same 100 percent nutritionally complete and balanced diets (puppy, then adult) for the entire period of the study, from eight weeks of age until death – only the quantity was different.

Dogs were weighed weekly as puppies, periodically as adolescents and then weekly as adults. Beginning at six years of age, they were evaluated annually for ideal body condition using the Purina Body Condition System™, a scientifically validated standard used by veterinarians to evaluate body physique in pets to assess weight and health. Other health indicators, including body fat mass, lean body mass, bone mass and glucose, glucose and insulin use, and cholesterol and triglyceride levels were measured annually to assess condition and health.

Study Results ... Living Longer

Study findings revealed that the median life span of the lean-fed dogs was extended by 15 percent or nearly two years. Median life span (the age at which 50 percent of dogs in the group died) was 11.2 years for the control group versus 13 years for the lean-fed dogs.

By age 10, only three lean-fed dogs had died, compared to seven control group dogs. At the end of the twelfth year, 11 lean-fed dogs were alive with only one control dog surviving. Twenty-five percent of the lean-fed group survived to 13.5 years, while none of the control group dogs lived to 13.5 years.

The study showed that the lean-fed dogs maintained a significantly leaner body condition from 6 to 12 years of age than the control group dogs, with mean body condition scores between 4 – 5 (ideal) and 6 – 7 (overfed), respectively. On average, the lean-fed group weighed less, had lower body fat, and after a certain age, experienced a two-year delay in the loss of lean body mass as they aged, compared to the control group dogs.

In addition, according to observations of the researchers, the control dogs exhibited more visible signs of aging, such as graying muzzles, impaired gaits and reduced activity, at an earlier age than the lean-fed dogs.

The study provides some insight to human health as well.

"This study is significant for human as well as canine health because it's the first study completed in a larger mammal that proves the significant power that diet restriction wields in extending life and delaying the markers of aging," says Dr. Richard Weindruch, University of Wisconsin professor of medicine and expert in the diet restriction field. "From this study, we can extrapolate that large mammals, including humans, can potentially live healthier and longer through diet restriction."

Purina® Life Plan™

The Purina "Life Plan" study reveals the crucial role ideal body condition plays in health and longevity. However, obesity remains the number one nutritional problem among dogs. Studies have documented that at least 25 percent of dogs in the U.S. may be overweight.

To maximize their dogs' health, dog owners should learn how to recognize the signs of obesity and feed to ideal body condition. To help pet owners do this, Purina developed the Purina® Life Plan™, a comprehensive approach applying specific breed size and lifestage guidelines, the Purina Body Condition

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Meeting Notes

Gail Conway - Recording Secretary

The following minutes were approved at the October 30th Board Meeting

September 18th General Meeting

Attendance: No attendance take at General Meetings.

Ruth Solomon called meeting to order at 8:5=30PM.

Minutes

Motion was made and passed to vote on the August minutes over email.

New Business

Karen Pandolfi to draft a letter to membership to beg for someone to volunteer to be the agility chairperson(s).

The club presented Ruth with a scholarship to vet

school. The board made a motion and passed, without the President's knowledge, that all club members in good standing shall receive a monetary scholarship for their first year of vet school.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Conway

Correction to LRCGB Specialty Results

Unfortunately there was a mistake in the marked catalog from the LRCGB 11th Annual Specialty.

The results for the third placement in the Open Black Dog class were listed incorrectly.

Paddington Majestx Roustabout, owned by club members Paul and Judie F. Valliere should have been listed as winning third place in the Open Black Dog class.

Help Needed with Website

We are looking for volunteers to help revamp the LRCGB website and to keep the site up to date.

If you have a flair for website design and a passion for Labradors, please help us create a new LRCGB website!

If you are interested, please contact Karen Kennedy at

pleasantpine@aol.com or (978) 774-8458.

Calendar of Events

December

- 7 Supported Entry—Eastern KC Bayside Expo Center Boston, MA
LRCGB supported entry at the Eastern Kennel Club show.
Judge: Mrs. Kendall M. Herr
- 15 Field Committee Meeting, 12–2 PM HSA, Hopkinton, MA
The field committee will meet just before the Christmas party.
- 15 Holiday Party & meeting, 2 -6 PM HSA, Hopkinton, MA

2003 Calendar

January

- 8 Board Meeting
Location TBD
- 26 AKC HRT Judges/Handlers Seminar
Holiday Inn Waterville, ME
The Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club will host an AKC Retriever Hunt Test Seminar for judges and handlers. Contact Roxanna Gould at argould@aol.com or (207) 848-7337 to register or get more information.

February

- 1 Deadline for Q4 Otter Tales
- 23 LRCGB Winter Match
Canine Mastery Seekonk, MA
For more information, please see flyer included in this issue.
- 23 General Meeting
Canine Mastery Seekonk, MA
A general membership meeting will take place at the Winter Match.

March

- LRCGB Annual Meeting
Location & Date TBD
Annual Awards & election of 2003 officers.

April

- 8 or 15 Beginner Retriever Training
8-week class starts
Delaney Watershed Game Lands Stow, MA
Contact: Karen Kennedy,

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Pleasantpine@aol.com or
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Board Meeting

Location & Date TBD

26-27 Spring Hunt Test

Addieville East Farm

Mapleville, RI

Junior, Senior and Master stakes.

Chair: Terry Johansson, (617) 470-

0771 or h2olab@charter.net.

May

1 Deadline for Q2 Otter Tales

4 Spring Match

Winnikinni Castle. Haverhill, MA

Contact: Gail Conway, (978) 352-

2759 or labrsq@yahoo.com

19-20 Agility Trial

Wrentham Fairgrounds

Wrentham, MA

Contacts: Gretchen Rich & Daniel

Fenno, (603) 679-6775

June

8 Single Stakes

Location TBD

Contact: Sukie Noble, (603)887-2307

11 Board Meeting

Location TBD

12-13 LRCGB Specialty

Location TBD

Chair: Jeff Snyder, (508) 865-5824

or riverlinlabs@qnci.net

July

20 WC/WCI/WCX

Addieville East Farm

Mapleville, RI

Contact: Karen Kennedy, (978) 774-

8458 or pleasantpine@aol.com

August

1 Deadline for Q3 Otter Tales

Board Meeting

Location & Date TBD

October

Board Meeting

Location & Date TBD

November

1 Deadline for Q4 Otter Tales

Eye Clinic

Location & Date TBD

AKC Reg Labradors

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Chamberlains Retrievers

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Beth & Don Chamberlain

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System and feeding instructions to its packaging. The Purina Life Plan enables pet owners to feed to their individual pet's ideal body condition from puppyhood through the senior years.

"There are many factors that go into determining ideal body condition, from the size of your pet to his age to his breed, and it can be difficult for pet owners to do it on their own," says McCarthy.

Lean or ideal body condition refers to the evaluation of body physique in pets as an indicator of their overall health and well-being, generally falling into three categories: underfed, ideal and overfed.

- Underfed: Ribs are highly visible.
- Ideal Body Condition: Can feel and see outline of ribs. Dog has a waist when viewed from above. Belly is tucked up when viewed from the side.
- Overfed: Dog has no waist when viewed from above. Belly is rounded when viewed from the side.

Assessing Body Condition*

Physical assessment of health defined as when you can feel and see the outline of a dog's ribs, there is a waist when viewed from above and the abdomen is tucked up when viewed from the side. Follow the steps below to assess your dog's body condition.

1. Rib Check

Can you feel your dog's ribs? It's a quick and easy way to tell if your dog is carrying a few extra pounds. Simply

place both of your thumbs on your dog's backbone and spread both hands across his rib cage. If you can't feel the ribs easily, your dog may need to lose a few pounds.

2. Profile Check

Examine your dog's profile. Does he have a clearly defined underline (abdomen) slightly tucked up behind the rib cage?

3. Overhead Check

Looking at your dog from overhead, see if you can see a waist behind the ribs. Most dogs at a healthy weight should have an hourglass figure. If your dog doesn't have this shape, it could be time to feed him Purina Fit & Trim.

Editor's Note: Thank you to Margaret Stubbs for submitting this article! Please see <http://www.purina.com> for more information.

** Adapted from <http://www.purina.com/institute/news.asp?article=423>*



Tower Hill Labradors

"Cassie" and "Cadie"

owned and trained by Sandy Madden



Want to say "Thank You" to everyone for working so hard making the National a great place to be, even with the rain...

Nightwind Sweeter than Sweet "Cadie"

Can. Ch., Am/Can CD, Ch. FD, WC, JH and two shows, two legs towards her CDX

Did a really nice job at the nationals

Placing 2nd in the Hunting Retriever Class

Placing 3rd in Open A for her first leg for her CDX

Getting her bumper leg in the Junior Hunter without any comments

Passing her Conformation Certificate with flying colors

Qualifying for the "Dog for all Reasons" poster and plate

Tower Hills Sassie Cassie, WC

Cassie is Cadie's 6-month-old puppy...

I'm so proud of Cassie she did a wonderful job in the Working Certificate and got her WC !

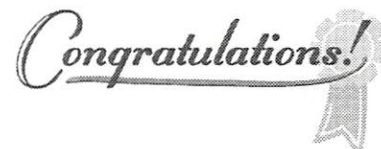
The next day went into the JH and did a really nice job until the fourth mark and just didn't know to go far enough into the stick pond, but she worked her heart out...

Next Year !!!!

The girls and I just want to say "Thank you" for making our first National very special...
Sandy, Cadie and Cassie



Member Accomplishments



Congratulations to the following LRCGB owners and dogs on their achievements! Brief brags are free to LRCGB members. Please email the following information to h2olab@charter.net: The dog's registered name and call name, the accomplishment and the name(s) of the owner(s) and breeder(s).

Burri's Lofty LadyHawke, CGC

"Hawke" earned her Conformation Certificate at the LRC National Specialty on October 12th. Hawke also received a Certificate of Excellence this summer from the Working Dog Foundation for her efforts in helping to evaluate New Hampshire's Police Dogs for the CGC. Hawke is owned by Barb Burri.

Sasco's Zinnia

Zinnia won Novice Bitch at the Labrador Retriever Club of Central Connecticut on September 20th. Zinnia also won Novice Bitch at the Ox Ridge Kennel Club show on September 21st. Congrats to owner/breeder/handler Kris Maloney.

Graewall's Pretty As A Picture CGC TDI

"Jet" received her third Junior qualification at the LRC Inc. National Specialty Hunt Test. Congratulations to owners Marlene Lendrim and Pat Dunn.

Can CH Saltmeadow Dickens at Cedarbay

At the young age of 22 months, "Dickens" finished his Canadian Championship this August at the Cornwall-District Shows. Also, in July of this year, he went WD, BOW and BOB for a 3 point major at the Farmington Kennel Club show in Springfield, MA. Dickens is proudly owned by Marianne Rousseau and bred by Carla Hyndman of Saltmeadow Labradors.

SR Cedarbay's Mousse-Man Cometh JH WC

This summer Mousse completed his Junior Hunter title. Now for the debut in the show ring!!! Dickens is owned by Marianne Rousseau.

Cedarbay's Simply Irresistible JH WC

"Truffles" placed third in the bred-by chocolate class at this year's Potomac Specialty. She also completed her WC, earned a participant ribbon for the Triple Crown, and completed her JH. She also got two legs toward her NAHRA started retriever title. Congratulations to owner Marianne Rousseau!

Corbett's Keep N It Clean WC CC

At fourteen months "Pebbles" completed her Working Certificate and Conformation Certificate at the 2002 LRC National. Pebbles is owned by Pattie Duddy.

Belstar Belstar Born To Run JH WC

Owner trained & handled, Bruce earned his JH in Sept. at the Penobscot HRT in Maine. Also, Bruce can claim that he has talent & beauty as he placed 3rd in the Bred by Exhibitor dog class at Nationals! Bruce is proudly owned by Jan Lenahan.

Belstar Best of Luck

Bruce's half sister, "Dublin" also placed 3rd in her Bred by Exhibitor class at Nationals. Owner Jan Lenahan was honored to receive a placement in this class as the gals that placed first & second went on to take WB and Reserve WB.

CH Westlake Beginner's Luck WC

Dublin's Mom, "Calle" had grand time at Nationals too, placing second in 10-12 Vet sweeps. But the most exciting news of all is that at almost 11 years of age, Calle earned her WC! Calle couldn't wait to get her live flyer...she wanted more! It was a thrill watching the old gal work. Great work by Calle and Jan Lenahan!

Pleasant Pine's Making A Mark, WC

Earned her Working Certificate at the LRC, Inc. National Specialty in Sturbridge, MA in October... Cinder was just 8 months old! She is owned, bred, handled and loved by Karen & Dick Kennedy.

Pleasant Pine's Mischief Maker Am/Can CD, JH, WCI, Can WC, CC, CGC

"Emma" was ranked 6th in 2001 in the Novice division in First and Foremost Points! Emma is Owned, Loved, Handled and Bred by Karen Kennedy.

Nightwind Sweeter Than Sweet Am/Can CD JH WC

"Cadie" was ranked 8th in 2001 in the Novice division in First and Foremost Points. Cadie is owned and loved by Sandy Madden and breeder Peggy Lands.

SR Puddleducks Kyla O'Fairview CD JH WCI

completed her Companion Dog title in three consecutive trials with scores to earn her an FFX award: Leg #1 - 1st Place 197, Leg #2 - 4th Place 196.5, Leg #3 - 1st Place 197. She also won several High Scoring Lab & High Scoring Dog with a Hunting Title awards. We are so proud of our little chocolate hunting retriever. Thanks to our trainer, Nancy Droukas, and all our friends who supported us. Cheryl & Dave Palmer.

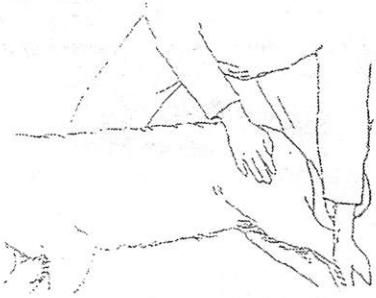
Chocorua's Seafarer o'Gypsybog MH

"Captain" has qualified for next year's Master National Hunt Test. Captain is owned, handled and trained by Karen Kase.

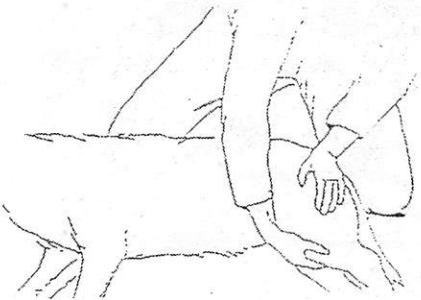


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4. Massage the remaining hip and hind leg muscles. Start below the paw and work upwards. Use knuckle and rolling pressure above the paw as well as on both sides of the thigh. Use a circular motion on the back of the leg and around the hip. Continue this exercise for about 2-4 minutes.



5. End your massage by gently flexing all hind leg joints.



Stretching

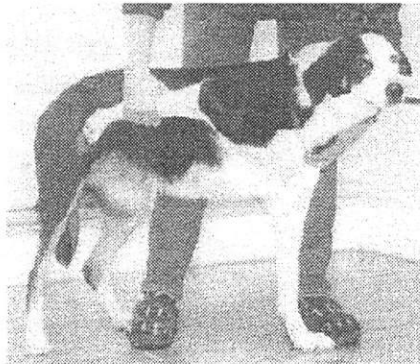
Regular stretching increases your dog's range of motion and muscle strength, reduces sore muscles after training and helps prevent injuries. Stretching is also commonly used in rehabilitation after surgery.

You stretch your dog by flexing a muscle until you feel resistance. When you first start stretching your dog, you may only get halfway to the max position before you feel resistance. You should not use force to pull the muscle beyond this point. As you continue to stretch your dog, you will be able to move the leg further.

Remember:

- It can take a few weeks before the dog learns what you want him to do.
- The dog can either stand or lay on its side.
- Do not stretch your dog without first warming him up through massage or 15-20 minutes of walking
- Always stretch within 30 minutes of training or walking.
- Exercises should not cause pain.
- Stretch your dog once per day.
- The stretching exercises described below are meant for healthy dogs. If your dog has had an injury or surgery, please consult with a canine physical therapist to determine which exercises are appropriate.

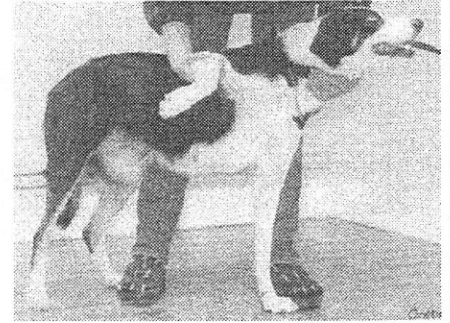
1. Grab the dog's front leg just below the knee and stretch the leg backwards toward the hind leg. Hold for 20 seconds.



2. Grab the dog's elbow from below and move the entire leg forward and outwards. When you feel resistance, keep the leg in this position for about 20 seconds.



3. Grab the dog's leg around the elbow and move the leg outwards (the leg should be somewhat bent). Hold for 20 seconds.



4. To stretch the hip muscles, use a steady grip just above the dog's paw. Use your other hand to support the leg just above the knee. Move the paw upwards towards the front leg until you feel resistance. Keep his position for 20 seconds. Repeat twice on each leg.



5. Hold the dog's knee on the rear leg and move the leg away from the dog's body. Hold for 20 seconds. If this exercise causes pain, your dog may be suffering from hip dysplasia.



6. Hold the dog's hind leg just above the knee and let the dog stretch the leg behind him. Hold for 20 seconds.

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Conclusion

Remember that the easiest way to prevent injuries in training is to warm your dog up before training. You can easily do this by a 10-15 minute brisk walk or by massaging your dog. Finally, stretching your dog after training will help increase range of motion and prevent sore muscles.

Desperately Seeking Field Volunteers!

Due to low attendance at the last field meeting, the field committee needs volunteers to fill key positions for all 2003 field events. LRCGB has lots of seasoned workers and willing novices, but needs a few people to take their turns preparing for these events-- we will help you learn!

For the Spring hunt test, we need a hospitality chair, chief marshal, etc. If you are interested in helping out, please contact HRT chair Terry Johansson at (617) 470-0771.

We currently do not have any committee positions filled for the summer hunt test. We will probably move this event to early September. However, if we do not find a chair, we may be forced to cancel it for this year.

We also need the following for the working certificate: chair, gun captain and chief marshal. Thanks to Pattie Duddy for volunteering to secretary the WC!

To volunteer, please contact Karen Kennedy at Pleasantpine@aol.com or (978) 774-8458.

Winter Match

February 23, 2003

The LRCGB Winter Match will be held at Canine Mastery in Seekonk, MA

Please plan to join us for conformation (sweeps and regular) and obedience (novice, open & utility).

Estimated starting times are 8:30 am for obedience and 9:30am for conformation. Plenty of crating space should be available in the "loft area".

The February general membership meeting will be held at the winter match. Please remember to bring a dish for the Pot Luck luncheon!

For additional information or to volunteer your help, please contact Linda Berkeley at lberkeley@attglobal.net or (781)925-1408.

Directions to Canine Mastery, Seekonk, MA
102A Pond Street Phone: 508-399-5867

- From 95 North or South: Take Exit 2A (Newport Ave.) to the first light. Take a left on to Cottage Street. Drive 1 mile. Take a right onto Read Street. Take 2nd Right on to Pond Street. Watch for Orion Industrial Park on your right (about 3/10 mile.) Turn into the Park. Canine Mastery is the 2nd building on the left.
- From Route 195 East or West: Take MA Exit 1 follow 114A (North). In approximately 1 mile you will reach a fork in the road. Bear to the right (Grist Mill Restaurant will be on your left). This is Arcade Avenue. Drive to the intersection with Route 44. Go straight across and continue on Arcade to the end. This is the junction with Route 152. Take a right onto 152 North (Newman Ave). Drive for about 5 miles. You will come to the intersection of Central Avenue (which is after Rojacks). Go 1/2 mile and take a left onto Pond Street. Watch for Orion Industrial Park on the left (about 2/10 mile). Turn into the Park. Canine Mastery is the 2nd building on the left.



LRCGB Event Results

August Hunting Retriever Test

The August HRT was held at Hopkinton Everett Lakes , Dog Training Area Hopkinton, NH on August 27th and 28th. This year LRCGB held double Junior and Senior stakes. The qualifiers in each class are listed below. LRCGB members are in bold type.

Saturday Junior - 52 Starters, 25 Qualifiers

Judged by Arline Buchanan and Bob Walton

Anahorish Kinsale JH	A Catterson
Ashfield Naiad Black Coffee JH	M Mansfield
Cedarbay's Mousse-Man Cometh	M Alsberg
Cedarbay's Simply Irresistible	M Rousseau Alsberg
Goldwork's Gun'n Gert	F Kelley
Jake's Hill Ginger Snap	P Lindquist/W Lindquist
Kennebec's Back In Black	W Perkins/D Perkins
Lu Bird Of Happiness	L Krause/S Palmer
CH Mariner Icy Autumn Wind	J Chase/K Chase
Nightwind Sweeter Than Sweet CD	S Madden/M Lands
Phk's Bad Seed JH	D Young/A Young
Pine Acre Round Trip Ticket JH	M Stubbs
CH Pond Hollow Canamonda's Tazz	V Marchetti/D Marchett
Prospect'sbreakinalltherules	S Pica/J Kay
SSK An-Jac's Goin' For The Gold	J Caroline
Seal Cove's Bold 'N Luscious	P Nolin/R Solomon
Shawnfield Echo's Escapade	M Peirce
Summit RD One Summer Evening	P Hasset/A Hasset
Tamarack New Dawn	W Genier/K Genier
Tarat's Aim For The Stars	B Coleman/A Coleman
Tashel Tairis Dreammaker	M Thompson/C Young
Westerlea's Wassookeag Bachi	S Robichaud/ D Robichaud
Windrush-Manora Flashback	D Gering/N Scholz
Windrush-N-Manora's My Way	D Gering/N Scholz
Wood Duck Hannah Honeybee NA	G Rich/D Fenno/ J Charest

Saturday Senior A - 24 Starters, 16 Qualifiers

Judged by Andrea Fisher and Janet Prisby

Adopher's Tabor Fine	A Fine
Chase's Gotta Lotta Moxie JH	Mcknight/M Mcknight
Hi-Tide Nijabee JH	W Keen/K Keen
Kennebec's Rage'n Storms Brew'n JH	W Perkins/D Perkins
Kristins Kayla Of Edgecomb JH	C Clark
Luckydux Cheese And Quackers JH	A Carlson
Naiad's Razz M' Tazz	J Ferrucci/M Ferrucci
News Of Nuggett's Knoll JH	D Sporcic
Plymrock Jet Propelled CDX JH	C Shea
Puddleduck's Fancy Black Duck CDX JH	F Plessner
Ranger Shaw CD SH	J Ferrucci/M Ferrucci
Riverbank's Mesa Girl	G Olson
Shawnfield's Kahlua Blast JH	S Sonntag/A Sonntag

Tamarack First Sunrise JH	W Genier/K Genier
Tanya Dutchess Of York Hill JH	J Marchica/L Marchica
Wynflat Luck Of The Draw JH	E Thurber

Saturday Senior B - 19 Starters, 11 Qualifiers

Judged by Flavia Kelley and Carol White

Alpine's Dressed In Black CD	W Powers/S Powers
Carolina's Done Deal JH	S Hamel
Chucklebrook Silvercreek Tessa CD JH	J Edsall/A Edsall
Claridge's Shooting Star JH	T Johansson
CH Hob-B The Huntress JH	L Johnson
J Mark's Aiming High AX AXJ	J Johnson
Rex Of Lucky Duck Farm JH	R Radkay
Silvercreek Murray Samuel JH	M Moscowitz
Sir Jake Of Jefferson JH	C Erali/N Erali
Trowsnest Yellow Brick Road JH	M Trowbridge
CH Victory's Bravo Zulu CD JH AX AXJ	K & C Hutchinson

Sunday Junior - 24 Starters, 16 Qualifiers

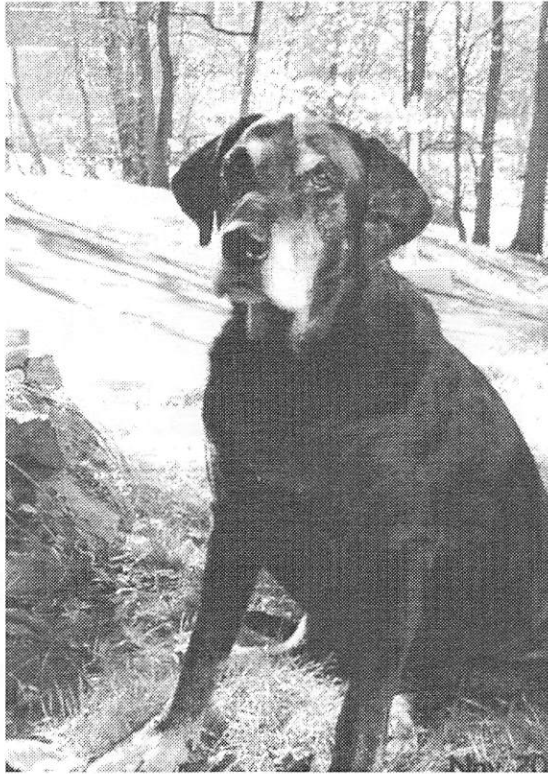
Judged by Andrea Fisher and Janet Prisby

Bb's Momma Got A Screw Loose	M Kunze
Belstar's Born To Run	J Lenahan
Cedarbay's Mousse-Man Cometh	M Alsberg
Cedarbay's Simply Irresistible	M Rousseau Alsberg
Dickendall Buckstone Luna	J Ferguson/K Herr
Goldwork's Gun'n Gert	F Kelley
Hillsides Drake	P Leslie
Jmark's Magic Moxie OA NAJ	P Pelletier
Kennebec's Back In Black	W Perkins/D Perkins
Lu Bird Of Happiness	L Krause/S Palmer
Miss Molly Pasquale	R Pasquale
Nightwind Sweeter Than Sweet CD	S Madden/M Lands
Phk's Bad Seed JH	D Young/A Young
CH Pond Hollow Canamonda's Tazz	V Marchetti/D Marchetti
Prospects Corbett Magic Storm CD	P Duddy/J Kay
Provinces W'Deland Mistymorn	N Freitas
Rachel's Solo MVP Contender	S Bowen/R Bowen
SSK An-Jac's Goin' For The Gold	J Caroline
Seal Cove's Bold 'N Luscious	P Nolin/R Solomon
Shawnfield Echo's Escapade	M Peirce
Sumo Seawind's Ski Vail	J Ferguson/P Ireland
Tarat's Aim For The Stars	B Coleman/A Coleman
Tashel Tairis Dreammaker	M Thompson/C Young
Tomnar's Midnight Stargazer	A Emilio
Westerlea's Wassookeag Bachi	S & D Robichaud
Windrush-Manora Flashback	D Gering/N Scholz
Windrush-N-Manora's My Way	D Gering/N Scholz
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In Loving Memory of Sam Master of Mischief Am/Can CD, JH, WC, CGC



May 9, 1990 – September 9, 2002

***We got him as a new "adventure." He had a good nose and a drive that wouldn't stop.
A love that never ran out. Sam brought us countless hours of joy and memories.***

To sit in a blind or walk in the field, to see him happy doing things he loved to do.

***We see his daughter and granddaughter with
that same drive and willingness to work and please.***

September 9, 2002 was the hardest day yet, when we put you to rest.

Our love for you was so strong that we didn't want you to have suffer at all.

We look at your pictures and the memories just flow on.

We miss you tremendously, our wonderful "Sam"

Yesterday, Today and Forever

***Loved and Missed by
Dick and Karen Kennedy***





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Sunday Senior A - 20 Starters, 6 Qualifiers

Judged by Arline Buchanan and Bob Walton

Canterbury's Black Magic JH	J Spaulding
Carolina's Done Deal JH	S Hamel
Luckydux Cheese And Quackers JH	A Carlson
News Of Nuggett's Knoll JH	D Sporcic
Puddleduck's Fancy Black Duck CDX JH	F Plessner
Riverbank's Mesa Girl	G Olson

Sunday Senior B - 19 Starters, 10 Qualifiers

Judged by Nancy Baker and June Cawood

Alpine's Dressed In Black CD SH	W Powers/S Powers
Dixie's Sundial Rebel Yell	R & D Hammond
Frye Mtn's Miss Molly CD JH	R Gould/A Gould
Hi-Tide Niajebbee JH	W Keen/K Keen
Island Creek's Lil' Buddy JH	A Young
J Mark's Aiming High AX AXJ	J Johnson
Mundys Caliber JH	J Mundy
Naiad's Razz M' Tazz	J Ferrucci/M Ferrucci
Trowsnest Yellow Brick Road JH	M Trowbridge

Field Events Planning Meeting

December 15, 2002

Please join us for a field events planning meeting before the Holiday Party!

Join us just for the meeting or come early for breakfast and skeet shooting:

9AM	Breakfast at the Golden Spoon
10AM	Skeet shooting at the HSA Skeet Field
12PM—2PM	Field Planning Meeting
2PM	Holiday Party

Directions to The Golden Spoon:

85 W Main St., Hopkinton, MA

(508) 435-6922

Take Exit 21A (W. Main St.) from I-495

- From ramp, follow West Main Street approx. 200 yards until you pass the gas stations
- The Golden Spoon is on your right at the corner of West Main Street and Lumber Street

Directions to HSA:

95 Lumber Street, Hopkinton, MA

(508) 435-3838

- Take Exit 21A (W. Main St.) from I-495
- From ramp, follow West Main Street approx. 200 yards until you pass the gas stations
- Turn right onto Lumber Street
- Follow Lumber Street for just under a mile
- Turn left at HSA sign into clubhouse parking lot or to go to the skeet field, turn left onto the gravel road and follow it to the end



***In Loving Memory of Frankie
Can OTCH, U-CDX Whipowil's Francesca
Am/Can UD, CGC, TT, TDI
May 14, 1991 – September 30, 2002***

Breeder: Beverly Chapman

Owner: Jeanne M. Charest

Handled to all her titles by Jeanne

...It came quickly this good-bye. Even in August you proudly took High Scoring Veteran at the Atlantic Labrador Retriever regional specialty. The National was going to be our retirement but there were other plans for you and on that September morning I had to say good-bye to a faithful friend who gave so much and wanted so little in return. You made a dream come true. Play now with Ti-Fille until I too am freed of this earthly bondage.



HER LONG SLEEP

She wagged her tail to the very last
And she smiles in her last, long sleep;
The troubles of life, for her, are past!
A shrine in my heart I'll keep.
Her soul—for I feel that she had a soul
And she thought real thoughts, I know—
Has found the ultimate end, life's goal,
In the heaven where good dogs go.

She has lived with me and suffered with me
Shed tears, in her dog like way;
She has placed her paw at times on my knee,
In a vain attempt to say;
"God never gave us that wondrous power,
To tell all the things we feel,
But, I want to say, in my canine way,
That my sympathy is real."

So I loved my dog to the very end,
And she in our daily walk,
Was never just dog, but a constant friend
And we had no need to talk.
And I hope, when the summons comes, for me
To embark on the unknown tide,
I shall find her eyes in the Paradise
They say is the other side.

--James Clarence Harvey



2002 Annual Awards

It's time to celebrate your 2002 accomplishments!

LRCGB member's dogs that earned the following titles during calendar year 2002 will receive our traditional gold and white Award of Merit Ribbon, to be presented at our Annual Meeting. All title winners will also be listed in our 2003 Specialty Show Catalog.

Eligible Titles - Please Note that both American and Canadian Titles are eligible.

Conformation

CH—Champion

CC—Conformation Certificate

Agility

MACH—Master Agility Champion

MX—Master Agility Excellent

AX—Agility Excellent

OA—Open Agility

NA—Novice Agility

Obedience

OTCH—Obedience Trial Champion

UDX—Utility Dog Excellent

UD—Utility Dog

CDX—Companion Dog Excellent

CD—Companion Dog

Tracking

TDX—Tracking Dog Excellent

TD—Tracking Dog

Miscellaneous

CGC—Canine Good Citizen

Field/Hunt Events

FC—Field Trial Champion

AFC—Amateur Field Trial Champion

MH—Master Hunter

SH—Senior Hunter

JH—Junior Hunter

WC—Working Certificate (LRC Inc. test)

WCI—Working Certificate Intermediate

(LRCGB sponsored test)

WCX—Working Certificate Excellent

(LRCGB sponsored test)

Please copy the form below and send one for each dog that earned a title. Additional Award of Merit ribbons can be purchased for co-owners/breeders/etc. at the cost of seven dollars (\$7.00) each. If you are unable to attend the LRCGB Annual Meeting, the ribbons will also be available at the Spring Match, June Specialty and the July Working Certificate or they can be mailed for an additional two dollars (\$2.00).

Mail form and payment to: Peggy Lands, LRCGB Award of Merit, 26 Theodore Drive, Leominster, MA 01453

AWARD OF MERIT INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 25th, 2003. PLEASE PRINT BELOW:

Dogs Registered Name (with new titles): _____

Titles Earned in 2002: _____

Owner (club member): _____

Breeder (club member): _____

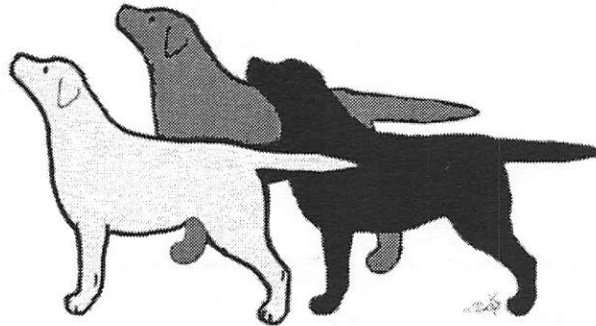
Pick Up _____ or Mail (\$2 per ribbon): _____

No. of Additional Ribbons (\$7 each): _____ Amount enclosed (cash or check made out to LRCGB): \$ _____

Address: _____



The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston



2003 Dues Notice

Annual dues for the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston are now due. The dues for 2003 are \$20.00

The address printed on Otter Tales is the most recent address on file. Please make any necessary corrections below. Please send dues payment by check payable to LRCGB to:

Karen Kennedy
 The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston
 343 Locust Street
 Danvers, MA 01923 978-774-8458

Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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E-Mail: _____

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How can you help the Club: _____

How can the Club help you: _____



Please Contribute to Otter Tales!

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**The deadline for the next issue is
February 1st**



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<http://www.geocities.com/lrcgb/>

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LRCGB now has an active announcement list at <http://groups.yahoo.com>.

This list is open to all LRCGB members and is BROADCAST ONLY. The only messages you will receive from this list will be announcements from the LRCGB board or committee chairs.

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