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From the President

This has been a successful summer for the LRCGB. Our June Specialty brought lovely weather and Labrador lovers together. I'd like to congratulate all the winners, and thank ALL the volunteers that made our Fun in the Sun specialty such a success! In July we had a lovely Working Certificate event, on the only cool dry Saturday this summer! It stayed just cloudy enough that dogs and handlers all had a great time. August brought our Fall Hunt test and again great weather, a lovely site (and my very first Hunt Test), and congratulations to all the qualifiers and THANK YOU to ALL the volunteers. I've seen more of the field people than I expected this summer, many of the same faces at the WC and Hunt Test. The same people coordinating, marshalling, shooting poppers and flinging ducks.

It takes A LOT of volunteers to put on all these events. LRCGB is an all around club, we cover nearly ALL the activities in which Labradors participate; conformation, agility, obedience, and hunt tests. We put on a LOT of matches and trials, shows and tests, every year. This takes VOLUNTEER POWER. A Hunt test takes at least 15 volunteers for each stake. Agility requires 7 or 8 volunteers for each class in addition to course builders. Even obedience and rally take 3 or 4 volunteers for each class. We have committees in place to organize these events, but committees cannot carry out these events alone.

LRCGB is a working club, and every member is required to fulfill a working requirement, volunteering for the club. We have many events going on, in many venues, and its time for club members to step outside their own interests and volunteer for other areas of club activity. Conformation people could volunteer at Hunt Tests, agility people could volunteer at breed shows, I know there are some of you that do that, and for that I say "Thank you".

I thought I would set the pace, personally, by volunteering at the Hunt Test. I've never been to a hunt test. On weekends I'm usually found competing and volunteering at Agility

trials or Rally competitions, but I gave it a shot (no pun intended). It was interesting getting out of my comfort zone, and seeing another side of competition with Labradors. I spent Sunday morning getting covered in duck stuff, serving as the person who takes the shot bird from the judge and puts in on the rack. It was more "up close and personal" with ducks than I generally am, but it was an interesting experience.

Many, many volunteer jobs take no prior experience. Trust me; it takes no special training to set bars at an agility trial. Anyone can fire a winger after a brief lesson in the safety of catapults. Anyone can steward obedience or marshal a hunt test. If you like sitting down in the shade jobs, table steward for rally, scribe in agility, or fire a popper at a WC.

On September 10th, we are having a member's meeting, where LRCGB will showcase all the different committees and the events they plan and execute. Come on out and see all that we do, bring a friend, and see if there are some new areas in which you would like to volunteer.

Don't get me wrong, I love seeing the same faces at events. It would be even better to see new and different faces at events, unexpected faces volunteering. It would be great to have club members volunteering in areas other than those in which they compete. If you feel that you have something to offer and aren't sure where to start, email me lrcgbpres@gmail.com and I'll do my best to get you involved.

Barb Burri, LRCGB President



You can now subscribe to the LRCGB event calendar in internet calendar format!

<http://www.lrcgb.org/calendar.html#CalendarSubscription>

Get your OTTER TAILS on line:

<http://www.lrcgb.org/ottertales.html>

Club News

Otter Tales Goes Electronic

From now on, OTTER TALES will be sent to your email address in a pdf format each quarter. You can already access this publication on the club web site. Get each issue almost as soon as it's published by checking your in box at the beginning of each quarter.

By going totally electronic, the club will save money for printing and mailing. We will save trees. And we can enjoy OTTER TALES in LIVING COLOR!

For those with no email or computers, you will still get a paper copy from your postman.

The Hunt Test Committee would like to Congratulate all those who Qualified over the weekend, and good luck in your next Hunt Test.

I'd like to THANK all the Club members who pitched in and helped at our Hunt test this past weekend. There were so many I'd be afraid to list them all for fear of missing someone. The stakes Marshals and their assistants did a GREAT job keeping things moving. We had the Club trailer packed. I was the last one off the test grounds at 6 pm last night IN daylight. How impressive.

This test would not have happened with out the endless time put in behind the scene by Joey Edsal, Milly Secco, Bob Pasquale, Maria Corrigan and Margaret Stubbs. And yes, I did a little. I'd also like to thank Audie Gould for stepping in as bird steward at the last minute helping to spread the birds around and move equipment. He was a HUGE help.

Please remember to give them a pat on the back for a job well done. These events can not happen without commitment from Club members, so please remember to offer your help at our events.

Thanks again to everyone for their time and help. See you next year.

We have a new 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**

Rescue

LRCGB supports Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc., a non-profit, all volunteer organization which is dedicated to placing purebred Labrador Retrievers in suitable, loving homes. LRR helps people adopt Labs and help people place their Labs.

LRR services the following geographical areas: MASSACHUSETTS, NEW HAMPSHIRE, VERMONT, RHODE ISLAND, MAINE.

www.labrescue.com
Hotline: 978-356-2982

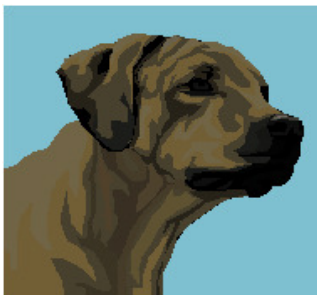
Wanted: Lab-savvy people to Foster Labrador Retrievers

Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc. has immediate openings for foster homes for Labrador Retrievers that have been surrendered by their owners and are awaiting adoption by their "forever" homes. These dogs have been given up because of relocation, lack of time and/or training, and family changes (new baby, divorce). Foster homes 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.

We need Lab-savvy people who can give reliable feedback on a Lab's behavior to our placement coordinator so she can match the Lab to an appropriate home. Please note that we are looking for foster homes, not kennels.

LRR, Inc. is 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.

If you think you can provide a good foster home, or if you would like more information about fostering, please call our 24-hour hotline 978-356-2982 to request a foster home application or download a form from our website: www.labrescue.com.



2008 Triple Crown Winners
Gerrie Owren and Zinka & Hildi, Robin and Lola, Barb and Hawke

Dog Auctions

The club has been contacted about an auction to benefit ROSE a group that helps domestic violence victims, they wanted to auction off a puppy. I respectfully declined, but I wouldn't be surprised if anyone who has a website and labs gets an email from these folks. I tried to educate them, but we'll see.

Anyway, If you get contacted and need information, the following is the AKC position statement on acutions and raffles of dogs.

Barb Burri

"The American Kennel Club considers auctions and raffles not to be reasonable and appropriate methods to obtain or transfer dogs.

AKC's current inspection program shall include kennels/individuals offering dogs for sale at auctions.

Any dog sold at auctions that is under 8 weeks of age or without microchip identification will be ineligible for AKC registration and shall be placed on permanent referral.

The American Kennel Club discourages Parent Club rescue groups from purchasing dogs at auctions. Although Parent Clubs may be doing good things for individual dogs purchased at auctions, it perpetuates the problem and tends to create a seller's market. Reciprocally, auctioneers seek more dogs of those breeds to offer at auctions. AKC applauds the work of Parent Club rescue groups on many fronts. However, AKC believes that the purchasing of dogs at auctions is not overall in the best interest of purebred dogs."

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.



Member Accomplishments

Zinka (**Viking Zinka Dew, JH, RN, WCI, CGC, CC**) and Gerrie Owren took First Place in the 2008 Triple Crown Events. Zinka also earned her WCI.



Hildi (**Viking Hil' Die Tanzbarin, JH, RN, WCI, CGC CC**) and Gerrie took Second Place (Hil is Zinka's daughter). Hildi earned her WCI at this test.

Lola (**U-Ch Grampian Lola Tortola Viking, JH, RN, WC, CGC, CC**) and Robin took Third Place.

Barb and Hawke (**Burri's Lofty Lady Hawke, CGC, CC**) took Fourth Place.

Two years in a row, a Mother/Daughter Team owned by Gerrie and Robin took First and Second Places in the Triple Crown. Last year it was Mango (**Ch Snowden Hill Mango Crazy, JH, RA, WC, CGC, CC**) and Dazzle (**Grampian Bedizened Viking, RN, JH, WC, CGC, CC**). This year it was Zinka and Hildi.

For the second year in a row a dog owned by Robin and Gerrie took Third Place. Last year it was DaisyMae (**Snowden Hill Miss DaisyMae, JH, RN, WCI, CGC, CC**). This year it was Lola.



Club members are proud of Papa Buzz (**Ch Aquarius Centercourt Delight, JH, WC**) for earing his WC handled by Robin. Mel Losea's Surfer (**Viking Surf's Up, JH**), Scott Baum's Brady (**Viking Patriot's Dream, JH**) and Gerrie Owren & Robin Anderson's Hildi (**Viking Hil' Die Tanzbarin, RN, JH, WCI, CGC, CC**) think their Dad is very special.

Kaya (**Timber Town Turn Me Loose UD, VCD2, MH, RE**) finished the fifth successful Master hunt test in a row at Western New York RTC on July 20 and is now qualified for the 2008 Master National. Kaya is trained and handled by Rainer Fuchs

Chaos has a CDX!! **Corbett's Operation Chaos CDX, JH, WCI, CC, CGC** completed her CDX in three tries. On to Utility. Breeder/Owner/Handler: Pattie Duddy

U-Ch Grampian Lola Tortola Viking, JH, RN, WC, CGC, CC earned her UKC Championship and then went Best in Show at the Apple Valley Rat Terrier All Breed Show in Taunton MA on September 6, 2008. Handled by Eukanuba qualified 12 year old Junior Handler, Julia Sterrett, Lola was cheered on by co-owners Robin Anderson & Gerrie Owren. Lola was bred by Robin (*Ch Hollyhills Delby's Samuel Adams x Ch Snowden Hill Mango Crazy JH, RA, WC, CGC, CC*). The next day Lola was in the field working on her doubles.



Meadowbrooks Emma Hart Breaker CDX, RN, CGC completed her CDX in three successive shows. Two legs at the LRCPV on May 9th and 10th 2008 with a first and second placement and Champlain Valley K.C. on 7/12/08 with a fourth place. She also received a bumper leg at the Kenilworth Kennel Club of Connecticut on July 4th, 2008.

On July 13th, 2007 she completed her RN at the Green Mountain Dog club event scoring 100. Emma was bred by Linda Murray and is trained and handled by Joan Sullivan.



Peggy & John Lands' boy Jammer has been busy this summer and July was a great month! At the Labrador Retriever Club of Quebec, in his Canadian debut, Jammer goes WD/BOW for 5 points under Breeder-Judge Patricia Lanctot (Ebonylane). At the Sunday LRC of Quebec Booster, under Mark-Houston-McMillan, Jammer goes WD for 3 points. Two weeks later,

at the Atlantic LRC supported entry, under judge James Reynolds, Jammer went WD/BOW for 3 points to complete his Canadian Championship. He also went Best of Breed at the next shows in his debut as a CH and went on to take a Group 4 and a Group 1.

On July 26, 2008, at the Pawcatuck River LRC supported entry,

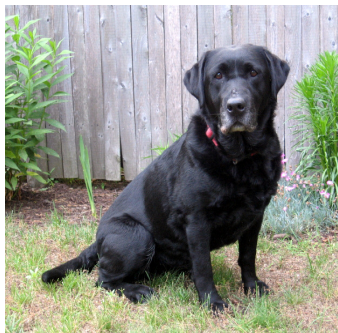


Jammer went WD/BOW for his 2nd major to complete his American Championship!! He was expertly handled by Jen Leitao to his American Championship. Way to go Jammer and Jen!! Jammer is now known as **AM/ CAN CH Nightwind We're Jammin'**.

Not to be outdone by her dad, Flirt aka **Nightwind Just Flirtin'** (co-owned by Eileen Perez and Peggy Lands) had a great time in Canada. At ALRC supported entry in her show ring debut, she went RWB and Best Puppy in Breed from the 6-9 mos class. At the Lady Slipper KC shows she went Best Puppy in Sporting Group under judge Joan Beech. In the next show she went WB/BOW/ BOS for 3 points. In addition at that show, she went Best Puppy in Breed and won Best Puppy in Sporting Group under judge Melvin Beech! At the Halifax KC show she went WB/ BOW for another 3 points as well as Best Puppy in Breed. She also went on to take another Best Puppy in Sporting Group!

Flirt's mom Rita was busy this summer too. Rita earned her first JH leg at the Maine Retriever Trial Club in June. She earned her 2nd leg at the Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club in August and her 3rd and 4th legs at the Maine Retriever Trial Club in August for her title. She is now known as **Nightwind Flirtatious JH, WC, CC**.

Maddigans Final Answer (Maddie) owned by Patricia Bartlett & Suzanne Flachbart and handled by Pat Bartlett earned her Utility title by placing 1st at Concord Dog Training, 2nd at Champlain Valley KC and 2nd at North Shore KC. Thank you, Sandy Madden, for your patience, support and expertise in training Maddie for her CD, CDX & UD titles.



"Merlin", Grampian Raptor Mystique RA, RL1, CGC, CC, TDI finished his Rally advanced title at the LRCGB specialty on June 12th, with a first place win. Merlin is owned, handled, and loved by Barb Burri, Raptor Labradors. Merlin participated, along with his sister Kestrel Burri's Celestial Kesrel, CD, RE, NA, NAP, NJP, CL-2 CC, CGC in the very first Rally Pairs competition at the LRCGB specialty and took first place. Merlin also earned an RE in three straight at the

Lakes Region Kennel Club on 7/09/08.

Laura Witts' **CH Minefalls Sport Authority**, "Timmie" finished at Pittsburg LRC from the bred by class under Judy Chambers.

Minefalls Patriot Dynasty, "Desi" takes WB/BOW for a 5point major at LRCGB Specialty under Sally Bell/Val Walters, then another 3 point major going WB/BOW & BOB at LRCP supported entry under Nancy

2008 Specialty Follow Up Letters

Dear LRCGB Members ~

I was very honored to be asked to judge sweeps at your Summer '08 specialty and want to thank each and everyone of you for both exhibiting and showing me such great hospitality while I was in Boston! Your lobster dinner will always be memorable for me and the gorgeous weather made it a little vacation for this Midwesterner.

As always, the east coast dogs stayed true to their fine reputations - lovely to look at and to hold! For me, the 15 - 18 month puppy dog class was a real show stopper, chocked full of real quality; several had the 'complete package' possessing gorgeous heads with strong bodies and movement to match. The BIS winner and his female BOS counterpart were both dogs I would love to have running around my own house and yard. I'd take either of them home in a heartbeat! I'm sure I'll be seeing more of them in the winners circle at Potomac next spring!

Thanks again for a great all around time!

Sincerely,

Lori Bentine, Tremont Labradors

I would like to thank the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston for inviting me to judge their 2008 Specialty. It was an honor to share the panel with Sally, Rusty, Lori, Harold and Rose. It was also nice running into old friends, unfortunately with the lack of time we were unable to chat and talk dogs, the next thing you know; it's time to pack up and go back home.

I was overwhelmed with the entry I had to work with. Though the variety, I found the dogs to be of good quality. The coats had taken a beating with the very warm temperature, but overall the dogs were in good working condition and presented beautifully. I found some of the dogs on the heavy side; it seems to be a growing problem in the breed.

The Show Committee, the exhibitors, spectators and hospitality were first class. Congrats to all, I had a great time and I was

Arbuckle, then at Providence supported entry WB for another 2 points.

J-Lo finished at Jersey Skyland LRC going WB & BOS. She also received a JAM the next day her first time out in the breed ring. She is now **BISS CH Minefalls J-LO**, all points were earned from the bred-by class.

very pleased to award ribbons to some awesome dogs. Back home, I visited the Show Photographer's site and enjoyed very much the slide show. My visit in your area went by so fast, it was just nice to sit down, relax and live it all over again.

Again, I want to thank you for your invitation. I had a marvelous time, and I wish you continuing success with your Specialties.

Valerie

Dear LRCGB Members:

Thank you for everything. Harold and I had a lovely time in Massachusetts. The weather was perfect, the company was delightful, the hotel was comfortable and the dinner at the show site on Thursday night was the BEST!! My compliments to the chef and everyone else who put it together. It was a real treat to have that wonderful seafood.

Please thank our stewards for their competence and expertise both in obedience and rally. Because of them the rings moved quickly and smoothly.

Also, please thank Beth and Diane for taking us out to dinner on Wednesday night and driving us back & forth from the show site, as well as the rest of the club members for helping to make our trip a memorable one.

Sincerely, Rose & Harold (Doan)

LRCGB Specialty Photos by Matt Allison

<http://www.mattallisonphotography.com/2008Breed/LRCGB/LRCGBmain.htm>

Got Brags? email them to Robin to be included in future publications.
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rainer@fuchsamerica.com

Minutes –board meeting April 23, 2008 at Waggin' tails training center, Westford, MA

In attendance – Barb Burri, Karen Kennedy, Rainer Fuschs, Scott Shaw, Karen Pandolfi, Sue Willumsen, Ruth Solomon, Pam Shaw, Robin Magee

Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm by Barb Burri

Secretary's report- none,

Treasurer's report- \$28,617.42 in savings, \$7,615.90 in checking

So far this year's events –fun match –lost money

Obedience/Rally trial- made~\$1600.00

Health clinic broke even.

Drauger field seminar made ~\$600.00

Membership- 10 Second readings:

Maggie Getchell, Deborah Watts, Joel Wolff & Penny Shultz, Victor Maldonado, Carol Clifford, Frederica Vecchi, David Keller, Kim Lewis, Elaine Capone, Frank Capone- the Capone's asked for separate

Membership

Applications were passed around and discussed. Karen Kennedy made a motion to accept the all applications, Scott Shaw second. All were voted in unanimously.

Karen Kennedy is sending out letters to club members that have **not** fulfilled their work requirement and with a list of suggestions on things that could be done to help out the club. If these members do not fulfill the work requirement than they will not be able to be on the breeder list or the website links.

Correspondence- Karen Kennedy Sent the club a thanks for the quilt that was given to her at the annual meeting for all of her hard work as club president over the last five years.

Karen Kennedy received from AKC the update on the appeal for the fine we received for submitting the Specialty application late. It will be \$100.00 instead of \$180. And will appear in the gazette. Future fines will be larger if this keeps happening. Pam sent it out that day certified so they should receive it and to avoid other event applications from being declined. Karen Kennedy and Pam are looking into the online access code for AKC so we can file in on line and hopefully

make it easier for everyone.

Pam Shaw received a thank you from lab rescue for the donation we sent to them at then end of last year.

Otter tails- Robin Anderson wants to go electronic! It would be easier for her and cheaper for the club. We realize that some members do not have email or just like to get it in the mail. So a post card will be sent out to the membership to respond how you would like to receive your Otter tails. Any one not responding will automatically have it emailed.

Committee reports

This year as a thank you, all the event chairs will receive a folding chair with the club's logo on it.

Field Committee –spring hunt test in this weekend and entries are 56 Master dogs, 30 senior dogs and 33 junior dogs. Jean is unable to be the secretary this weekend and Karen Kennedy will take her place. Nancy Fretais and Nancy Wolston will probably chair again next year.

Fall Hunt test- Karen Kennedy and Joey Edsal are the chairs. Margaret Stubbs is the secretary. Everything is set except we still need a second Master Judge. The person who was supposed to judge is unable to right now. And a second junior judge is need to judge with Nancy Wolston. We are using West Thompson and James Dean's farm. Our date is in August this year due to a conflict with the Golden National. So we swapped dated with the Yankee Golden Retriever club. We need to fill the application for next year as soon as possible so we don't loss our date in September.

2009 James Dean will require that any event held on his property will have to use the retriever field trial news entry system. We currently use entry express which works great. So next year for the spring test we will use entry express and for he fall test use the R.F.T.N. We are all ready working on judges for next year.

W.C. - all set. Barb to send Rainer the club list so he can send out premiums. A second check for the potty use has sent, because the first one was never received. At a field committer meeting it was discuss that since we can make the work day that we would donated money toward a new kiosk for the dam side of the property. Check with Suki for the details.

Agility Trail – It is Full. Filled up on the second day it was opened.

Show Committee-

May match is 5/4/08 it is not a B-match this year. The match box is in the trailer. We do need arm bands. Sue Willumsen has put a call into Purina. We could always use the sticky name labels that they use in agility. Marianne and Barb are looking for help for set up and clean up. We will do a raffle to help support the dinner at the specialty and lunch will be available to buy. A show committee meeting will be held after to assemble ribbons for the Specialty. Discussion ensued about weather or not we need to have a B match, per AKC rules. Specialty clubs do not need a b match if they have other events that qualify. We have our Specialty and the health clinic this year.

Specialty- Sue has the judges' gifts- L.L. Bean bags embroidery with the club's logo and the ring decorations. Scott and Sue will do Judges Lunch again this year. Barb Burri's husband and Lisa Kinsman will run the concession stand. We need to have a health permit. Barb tracking down all info. We need donations for the raffle. We had a few inquiries for concession space this year. Beth Robillard said that there are more adds in the catalog this year. We put in an add to thank Murray's greenhouse for the donation of the flowers and for Tufts V.E.T.S. for using their facility for our health clinic. Matt the photographer is just going to charge for only the prints he sells and we will pay his hotel room. Robin is trying to get him to come to the match to help him take pictures of Labs. He is use to Sheppards. Working on Judges for next year. Nancy Wolston has done an excellent job taking over trophy chair. Ellie and Brain have the ring stewards. Sue mentioned Linda Quinn would help. We talked about having a silent auction during the lobster dinner. With a few items of varying prices. Scott is also trying to find a replacement for the chowder-his previous supplier has taken another job. The flowers for ring decorations will be raffle off for the workers, but **only after all the work in done!**

North Conway Supported entry- we will support Michael Woods.

Obedience and Rally trial for next year is 2/28/09 & 3/1/09. Judges have already been selected.

Lab Rescue- They have a new president- Name?

Also the parade of rescues will be at the may match. They were very excited to be invited.

Old Business-

Meetings – trying to get meeting scheduled. The constitution and by laws stat that they should be during the week. Should we do two big meetings a year? Annual and a fall at Sandy's with dogs on the weekend? Sandy has classes scheduled during the week. Where else could we meet? Topsfield, Mass Vet with out dogs. Topics? Discussion ensued about where and what to do. Make a program and stick to it. Let's try to plan a general meeting for Sept. Karen Pandolfi, Ruth and Pam will plan it and promote it now. May be a meet the committees meeting? Let's do a holiday party in November. Brian, Ellie and Peggy were nominated to organize it. (They were absent).

Karen Kennedy and Sue will work on annual meeting. Sue has spoken to the Vet at Nutro Maxx about talking on neutroceuticles.

New business-

Storage Unit- the club has grown so large that we are running out of space in people basements and the trailer to store everything. Pam & Scott have looked into storage space. They are happy to be in charge of loading up the trailer for events, but cannot keep everything in their house. Sue and Karen Kennedy also have stuff that needs to be moved.

The 5X10 unit is \$54.00/mo and the 10X10 in \$84.00 plus there is a \$10/mo insurance option. Scott made a motion to purchase a space and Sue seconded it. It was decide that we needed a 10X10. We shouldn't need the insurance. Voted in unanimously.

Breeders' code of ethics.

No way to in enforce it. AKC would not let us add it when we last updated the constitution and by laws .So why don't we promote good breeders check list for potential puppy buyers. Discussion ensued. Does the "check list need to be approves by the whole membership? Probably should be. Let's see what other clubs are doing, discuss it via email and at the next meeting see what we come up with.

Revise constitution and by laws- last time it was revised was 2002. Agility is not even listed as an event. Karen Kennedy will start looking at it and make some suggestions.

Legislative liaison- The club is a member of Mass. Fed., but we don't have a delegate. With all the anti dog/breeder legislation going on we need to have one. Email the membership to see if any one is interested.

Show committee to over see non field performance events? No the committee has enough to do. We should have a performance committee. Talk to Beth Teixeira about chairing it.

Listing committees in Otter tails- sounds good.

Cyber meetings and teleconferencing. Sue has an 800# that we could use. It makes since. That would be easier to get all the board members together.

What should we do with the savings? Pam's thoughts were to put it into a CD. 5% interested is better than .5% in the regular savings. Pam will look into options and bring it to the next meeting.

Meeting adorned at 9:21pm

Saccarappa Obedience Club hosts a 2-day seminar with Janice Gunn

October 18-19, 2008 in Westbrook , Maine

Janice owns and operates TNT Kennels & Training Center in Abbotsford , BC . Janice has several OTCH titles, multiple high in trials, and twelve perfect 200 scores with four different dogs. Her dogs are highly competitive in obedience and retriever field trials in the US and Canada . Her dogs multi-task with style! To learn more about Janice and her dogs go to www.tntkennels.com.

Only 24 working spots - \$200

Limited to 2 working dogs per person.

After June 1, 2008' - \$250

Unlimited Audit Spots - \$100

After June 1, 2008' - \$125

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The Science of Breeding by Royal Canine

This is an excerpt from Breeder's Handbook on Canine Reproduction from Royal Canin. Providing accurate and useful information on the practicalities of reproduction in breed- ing kennels is a goal of Royal Canin.

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Breeder's Handbook: Newborn Care

The Needs of Newborn Puppies: Newborn puppies are very immature and need a certain amount of time to acquire the means of defending themselves in their new environment. During the first hours of life, their immediate needs can be summed up as warmth, water and energy.

Warmth: An infrared lamp is a good way to keep puppies warm.: This is one of the pri-

(from the AKC Breeder On Line Newsletter)

mary conditions for the well-being of newborn puppies. At birth, they are unable to regulate their own body temperature, and their internal temperature is 5 degrees lower than what it will be by the time they are 5 weeks old (96° F instead of 101 °F). They are very sensitive to cold, and as soon as they lack warmth, their movements slow down and they are unable to suckle. When a puppy gets too cold, it should be warmed gradually.

It is necessary for their nest to be kept at a temperature of at least 85° up to 90° F during the first two weeks. The temperature should be checked by placing the thermometer inside the whelping box rather than on the walls of the maternity room, because after all, heat rises. The mother cannot put up with such high temperatures for any great length of time, so she must be let out periodically or allowed to play around in the maternity stall in order to cool down from time to time.

Water : A newborn puppy is made up of 80 percent water, and since its skin still lacks the keratinous layer, it can dehydrate quickly. In the whelping areas, it is preferable for the relative humidity—the moisture content in the

atmosphere—to remain above 55 percent (65 percent is ideal).

It might be worthwhile for a large or medium-sized kennels to acquire an incubator.

It is a good idea for breeders to place an air humidity indicator close to the nest. This item is not expensive and can be bought in most hardware stores.

When the nest is heated, the air will dry out more quickly, but the ambient humidity can be regulated by placing pans of water or humidifiers in the room.

It becomes noticeable that a puppy is dehydrating when it loses weight. Very often, a puppy will lose a little weight in the first 24 hours of life but then regain it.

If this initial loss exceeds 10 percent of body weight, some warm water with added sugar might be given in a feeding bottle, or a little isotonic solution (0.9 percent sodium chloride) can be injected under the skin.

Weighing puppies daily helps to check on growth and ensure that milk intake is ad-

equate.

Two to three milliliters may be administered subcutaneously, and given intermittently throughout the day. Do not exceed 20 milliliters a day for a puppy weighing 100 grams (3.5 ounces) during the day.

Energy : Energy is provided in the first days of life from the mother's colostrum, then from milk.

Natural Suckling : As soon as they are born, most puppies spontaneously seek out their mother's teats to ingest colostrum. Within a few days, their mother's milk will provide all their needs until the start of weaning. If needed, a breeder must be ready to supplement this diet.

The inguinal teats are most often affected by engorgement as it is more difficult to suckle here, and this may lead to mastitis.

During the first 36 hours of life, puppies need to suckle the first milk or colostrum. This is rich in protein, energy and antibodies that protect against diseases. It will become obvious if they are not receiving sufficient milk when they start crying excessively during the day due to hunger or when they start losing weight. That is why it is recommended to weigh the puppies every day, as they should put on weight daily.

If the weight gain is insufficient, or if the mother has had a very large litter, there should be no hesitation in supplementing the daily ration by bottle feeding with milk formula for puppies.

Insufficient Milk : Agalactia—lack of milk—is rare in bitches. It does happen, however, that either because the bitch has undergone a cesarean section slightly before term or because her teats are very engorged, there can be too little milk available for the newborns.

If there is no milk at all, this is known as *agalactia*. If there is not enough milk, a few subcutaneous injections of oxytocin can be recommended every two or three hours to encourage the milk flow.

In both cases, a supplement or substitute of milk formula is essential. If one realizes that the puppies are unable to suckle teats that are too hard, it is possible to try and unblock the teats, especially those that are further back (inguinal area), if they appear hardened, which is often the case. They should be massaged with clean hands, attempting to draw as much milk as possible so as to empty them partially and soften them. This

should make it easier for the puppies to suckle.

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Bottle Feeding : If it is necessary to replace or supplement the mother in the event of illness, a breeder will need to use a specially formulated milk formula for puppies, and preferably bottled water should be used to prepare it.

The formula must be prepared just before it is fed. The milk must not be stored for more than a few hours, and even then, it should only be stored only in the refrigerator.

If puppies are able to suckle correctly, bottle-feeding is the best solution. Intubation, on the other hand, is a technical process, and it is essential to avoid the tube entering the lungs, as this may affect swallowing or even cause pneumonia. If a breeder wishes to use this technique, the safest way of proceeding is to ask the veterinarian for advice and a demonstration.

If the puppies are orphaned, the breeder will also have to mimic maternal behavior towards the puppies, and during the first three weeks, the breeder must stimulate their perineal area with a warm moist cloth to encourage them to urinate and defecate.

Neonatal Infectious Diseases Bacterial Diseases : Most bacterial diseases in newborn puppies are due to germs from their surrounding environment. Statistics show that nearly 15 percent of newborn puppies die before they are 15 days old—one half after difficult whelping and poor resuscitation, the other half from infectious diseases. The priority for the prevention of all these diseases is therefore to maintain strict hygiene in the whelping box.

Neonatal septicemia may affect entire litters where there are bacteria present in the maternity area or, most often, where the mother is harboring microbes in her vagina, which will infect puppies at birth. Certain bacteria present in the bitch's genital tract (such as mycoplasmas) may be devastating. Within a matter of days, newborn puppies may be-

come ill—often they start to cry incessantly and refuse to suckle. Treatment with antibiotics must be started as soon as possible, although this does not necessarily prevent a fatal outcome.

There may also be more localized bacterial infections. A poorly disinfected umbilical cord may become infected and then hyperemic during the days that follow birth. This is known as *omphalitis*. This condition can degenerate into peritonitis (abdominal infection) and should never be taken lightly. The veterinarian will need to administer antibiotics inside the peritoneum. Proper care and attention paid to umbilical cords, such as thorough disinfection and regular monitoring, are very effective in preventing this condition.

When the mother has a mouth infection (stomatitis) or tartar on her teeth, or when puppies are coated with small pieces of dried and cross-infected placenta, varying levels of purulent scabs may appear on their bodies (neonatal pyoderma). Puppies must then be washed with an antiseptic shampoo, and sometimes kept apart from their mother.

Before the eyes open, between 10 and 14 days old, neonatal ophthalmia can cause the eyeball to swell and pus to appear when pressure is applied. The veterinarian should act quickly in opening the palpebral aperture and cleaning the eye with an ophthalmic solution, otherwise puppies may become blind.

Viral Diseases : The best-known neonatal viral disease is canine herpes virus. This disease is nearly symptomless in adults but may sometimes show signs in the genital system (infertility, fluid filled vesicles on genital mucus membranes) or the respiratory tract (coughing, catarrh).

Puppies are infected in the uterus, at birth or immediately after, and the incubation period is from 4 to 6 days. Symptoms are not easily attributable—digestive disorders (bloat, diarrhea), nervous disorders (convulsions), strident crying. Sometimes, to the contrary, puppies will fade away without manifesting any other symptoms. Autopsy is then the only way of confirming the suspicion of this disease.



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Pet Astrology

LIBRA These are the beauties of the zodiac. The prettiest pet is the Libra. Not only in looks but very charming as well. They get what they want by persuading you to do something for them. They get a great deal of pleasure from getting you do something for them. They can be very lazy you see.

Being lazy comes from the inability to make up their minds. They spend so much time on deciding they get tired and want you then to do it for them. They really can see both sides of an issue so to them anything is okay. You can then do it for them, if you chose correctly they will reward you with charm, if you did it incorrectly they will fight you.

Another dog we have is Boo. She is our Libra. One time she wants a cookie another time she doesn't. You can look the fool

as you try to hand her a treat one time she takes it another time she will smell it and flip her tail and walk off in disgust. You never know what mood she will be in.

Just when you think you have figured out these guys, they change their minds. Like the Gemini and Aquarius, all three air signs, they do not like to be smothered. That is of course unless they have decided that is what they want. Oh on the other hand, maybe not. So be very patient and flexible with these pretty charmers for they will demand you are.



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