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Summer	May 15
Fall	August 15
Winter	November 15

Submissions may also be made on CD.
(no floppies please)

Mail them to:
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From the President

Although it seems as though Summer just arrived, a tad late this year, Fall is right around the corner.

Fall always seems like Hunt Test season, the crisp air, the beautiful colors all combine to remind us how great it is to get out in the woods with our dogs.

This fall our Hunt test is September 19th and 20th in Woodstock CT. Even if you aren't participating with your dog, check it out!

There is nothing as exciting as watching Labradors do what they were bred to do. The excitement and sheer joy the dogs exhibit is contagious. Come watch, and volunteer. If this is a part of dog sport you would like to learn more about, there is nothing quite like volunteering to be up close and personal with all the action!

Keep your eyes on your emails this Fall as we will have many upcoming events. The board is working on a Member's meeting for late September, supported entries at the Worcester Kennel Club show Thanksgiving weekend, supported entry at the Eastern Dog Club show in Providence (The Bay Colony cluster hits the road this year), our winter fun match, and our Obedience and Rally Trials March 6th and 7th. Lots to do, dogs to see, people to meet, we'll keep you posted by email. Thanks for all you do for the club,

see you ringside...

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

Research Report

Genetic testing for the mutation highly associated with canine Exercise Induced Collapse (EIC) is now available. It requires a blood draw by a veterinarian and submitting the blood sample to the University of Minnesota's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. The mutation has been found to be common in Labrador Retrievers, and has also been identified in Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, and Curly-Coated Retrievers. Further research is underway to see if the mutation exists in other breeds. It is a UMN Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory policy to submit samples through, and report results to, a veterinarian. Direct involvement of a veterinarian allows for optimal management of this genetic disease, as well as other concurrent medical conditions a dog may have that will affect its management. All needed information for submission is on the following website:

<http://www.cvm.umn.edu/vdl/ourservices/canineneuromuscular/home.html>.

This test is reasonably priced at \$65.00 and it will identify clear dogs, carrier dogs, and affected dogs. The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Inc. is the official data collection site and the information for submission of test results is there. The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc was a major sponsor of this research.

Fran Smith DVM, PhD
Health Chair, The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.

Member's Meeting Sept 30th at the Holiday Inn Boxborough, details to follow

June Specialty Results

Thursday: FUN IN THE SUN

BOB: Ch. Beechcroft Study's Top Secret

BOS: Ch. Beechcroft Gingersnap at Hedgelawn

BOW/WD: Hi View Baron's Boothill

WB: Seal Cove's Soliloquy

JAM: Ch. Glenerie's Great Hunter Orion

JAM: Ch. Dicroft Grace Kelly

Best in Sweeps: Belquest Cosmopolitan

Best Opp in Sweeps: Chablais Harold

Best in Vet Sweeps: Ch. Stonecrest's

Davey Crockett

Best Opp in Vet Sweeps: Ch. Lobuff's

Turtle Dove

Best Puppy: Tullamore's Sea Salt

Best Bred By: Hi View's Baron's Boothill

Best Veteran: Ch. Lobuff's Turtle Dove

Hunting Retriever Bitch: Ch Viking Hil' Die

Tanzbarin, JH, RN, WCI

FRIDAY- Skinny Dip Specialty

BOB: Ch. Danbridge Henry J

BOS: Ch. Dicroft Grace Kelly

BOW/WD/JAM: Sasco Gibraltar (new champion)

WB: Chablais Violette.

JAM: Ch. Beechcroft Study's Top Secret

Best In Sweeps: Belquest Cosmopolitan

Best Opp in Sweeps: Maritime Grandstander

Best in Vet Sweeps: Ch. Stonecrest's

Davey Crockett

Best Opp. in Vet Sweeps: Ch. Lobuff's

Turtle Dove

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS

AND HUGE THANKS TO ALL THE WORKERS!!!!

Sue Willumsen
Show Chair

June Specialty Photos are posted here:

<http://www.mattallisonphotography.com/2009Breed/LRCGB/LRCGBmain.htm>

Mark this date on your Calendar!

LRCGB is hosting a seminar with:

Connie Cleveland

Connie Cleveland was born in Lansing, Michigan and received her B.S. in Engineering from Michigan State University. She spent 10 years as the Training Director for Dogs for the Disabled. Currently, she lives in Fountain Inn, South Carolina, where she owns and operates Dog Trainers Workshop, a training and boarding facility. Connie teaches obedience to over 120 students each week. Connie's obedience experiences include 7 Obedience Trial Championships, a UDT Maltese and a CDX Shih-tzu. Currently, she shares her home with a variety of retrievers and a Shih-tzu. (For more information, please visit Dog Trainers Workshop homepage at www.dogtrainersworkshop.com)

January 15 and 16, 2011
at MasterPeace Dog Training Franklin, MA

More info will be posted on the LRCGB website when available.

The Triple Crown Winners 2009

1st place: Gerrie Owren & Robin Anderson with Grampian Bedizened Viking, JH, RN, WCI, CGC, CC (Dazzle)

2nd place: Robin Anderson & Gerrie Owren with U-Ch Grampian Lola Tortola Viking, JH, RN, WC, CGC, CC (Lola)

3rd Place: Marianne Rouseau and Cedarbay's Make My Day (Harry)

4th place: Gerrie Owren & Robin Anderson with Ch Viking Hil' Die Tanzbarin, JH, RN, WCI, CGC, CC



WC/WCI/WCX Photos



More photos are available for purchase on the Donna Kelliher web site:
<http://www.donnakelliher.com/>

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.

Run/Walk for Lab Rescue

If you like to run or walk in road races, here's an opportunity to help Rescue: Register for the Middlesex West Chamber of Commerce's annual 5K Road Race, to be held Saturday, October 3, 2009, in West Acton, MA.

Register online: www.mwcc.com and click on Calendar to get to the race registration form. (Or go to www.labrescue.com for a link to this page.) On the entry form, in the designated space, put "Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc." as the charity you are supporting. The Chamber of Commerce will then donate a portion of your registration fee to Lab Rescue.

Please spread the word to any runners, joggers, and walkers you know!

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

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



Member Accomplishments

At the Southern Berkshire Golden Retriever Club hunt test, **Timber Town Turn Me Loose UD VCD2 MH RE** (Kaya) and her team mate Rainer Fuchs qualified for the 2009 Master National.

On July 3, 2009 "Hawke" **Burri's Lofty LadyHawke, RA, TDIAOV,RL-2,CSL-1, CC, CGC** (CH Wilcare's Master of the Hunt CD JH X MacDonald's Majestic Madison) earned her Rally Advanced title at the Kenilworth Kennel Club Trial in West Springfield, MA. Hawke is owned, trained and loved by Barb Burri.

Majestx George of Bunkerhill, UD went HIT on June 11, 2009 at our specialty out of the Open B class. Susan Niewiera

My 3-year old Golden Retriever girl, **Beau Geste Theophilus's Anna, MH, WCX** (a.k.a. Annie) earned her Master Hunter on July 19 at the Western New York test. It was one year to the weekend after she earned her Senior Hunter - and at the same place. I remain very grateful to LRCGB for help, encouragement, and example setting (Joey, Rainer, Margaret, Karen, and others). I really owe a lot to the club. This title would not have happened without the field group. ~ Marsha Wilcox

OTCH Westwind's Setting The Pace UDX, OM1 finished her OTCH at the Schenectady Dog Training Club shows in Ballston Spa, New York on August 8th. Sprint completed all obedience titles in 10 months. Sprint is proudly bred, trained and owned by Beth Chapman, Westwind Labradors.

U-Ch Grampian Lola Tortola Viking, JH, RN, WC, CGC, CC, owned by Robin Anderson and Gerrie

Grampian Tiki Torch, (Ch Shahli Hyspire Hotter Than Blazes x Grampian Bedizened Viking, JH, RN, WCI, CGC, CC) owned & bred by Robin Anderson and Gerrie Owren took a Reserve WB and Best Puppy placement from the 9-12 puppy classes at the shows in Wrentham in June 2009. Tiki, handled by Junior Julia Sterrett also took a Puppy Sporting Group II.



Also taking a Best Puppy award from the 6-9 classes in Wrentham was **Aquarius Caribe at Grampian** (BISS Erinhill's Guinness Stout x Aquarius Curious Georgie) bred by Kathy Sneider DVM & Julie MacKinnon. Rhumba was handled in the ring by Junior Handler Julia Sterrett, and is co-owned by Kathy Sneider, Robin Anderson and Gerrie Owren.

Grampian Bedizened Viking, JH, RN, WCI, CGC, CC, owned & bred by Robin Anderson and Gerrie Owren won the Am Bred class at the PCKC show on July 25th. Dazzle recently won the 2009 LRCGB Triple Crown, handled by Gerrie Owren. Dazzle is

working towards Senior Hunt tests with her co-owner/handler, Gerrie.



Owren & Junior Handler Julia Sterrett earned her Junior Handler a fourth place in a large Open Intermediate Class at the Providence County Kennel Club Show on



July 25th 2009. Lola came in second to her littermate Dazzle in the Triple crown and the annual WC/WCI/WCX test, and then went WB/BOW/BOS twice in the same weekend in North Carolina under judges Gloria Geringer and Judy A Harrington.



Chucklebrook Mockingbird at Grampian, bred by Gerrie Owren and Diane Pilbin (Am/Can Ch Aquarius Centercourt Delight, JH, WC x Chucklebrook Virginia Rail) and owned by Gerrie Owren, Robin Anderson and Diane Pilbin came out for the first time at the PCKC, show winning both the sweeps 9-12 puppy bitch class and the 9-12 puppy bitch class under judges Heather Johnson and Traci Stintzcum. Mary was handled by Robin and delighted her family, Diane and Steve Fournier, who watched from outside the ring. Co-owner Diane Pilbin showed Mary in the Winners ring.



UC DAVIS ONLINE BIRTH DEFECT STUDY

Researchers in the Bannasch Laboratory at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California-Davis are initiating a long term study on canine birth defects (CBD). The birth defects currently being targeted are cleft palate, umbilical hernia (requiring surgical correction), and cryptorchidism. As part of the study the researchers are interested in determining if puppies are predisposed to birth defects when bitches are exposed to certain environmental factors. In addition, they will also determine genetic causes of these specific birth defects. In order to address these two issues, they need information about the bitches' gestational environment as well as DNA samples from affected and unaffected puppies.

They are asking breeders to use the following link to fill out an online survey about litters born in the last year. In order to fill out the survey, the breeder will need to have the litter registration information and the ability to print. If breeders are willing to send DNA samples, contact information is available at the end of the survey.

All information obtained is completely confidential.

Link for survey:<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?sm=SN0P40cJUmYK4GHM0WlxGzYpUmzQ0XpFZY%3d&>

Forty Six Labradors In Shelter Need Help

Last week 46 Labradors and 10 puppies were taken from the home of Larry Young, former president of the Hoosier Labrador Retriever Club.

<http://www.theindychannel.com/news/20497465/detail.html> has some details of this event, as does

<http://www.wthr.com/Global/story.asp?S=10973320>

These are difficult times for these dogs, without going into a discussion of how a breeder gets over their head, the reality is that this is an enormous burden to the shelter, if you aren't over your head and can find it in your heart to help, donations should go to:

Morgan County Humane Society
690 W. Mitchell Ave.
Martinsville, IN 46151
765-349-9177
www.mchumanesoc.org

The LRCGB has also sent a club donation.

LRCGB Fall Hunt Test - Premiums Available!

Join the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston at Peakebrook Farm, Woodstock, CT

All 3 stakes offered.

Enter today with Entry Express

Entries Close: Wednesday, Sept 9, 2009
11:59:59 PM CST

Master Stake

Friday & Saturday September 18 & 19, 2009 8:00am
Judges: Doris Aylward, Judith Erlinger
(Event # 2009390709)

Double Junior

Saturday September 19, 2009 8am
Judges: Linda Marchica, Joey Edsall
Event #2009390709)

Sunday September 20, 2009 8am
Judges: Stephen Sullivan, Karen Sullivan
(Event #2009390710)

Senior Stake

Sunday September 20, 2009 8am
Judges: Linda Marchica, Joey Edsall
Apprentice: Hank Dufour
(Event #2009390710)

There will be a small tailgate at test headquarters at the conclusion of the test on Saturday.

Audie Gould, Scott Shaw
Hunt Test Chairs
LRCGB

Delaney Group Procedures

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

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

Fees for the season should be sent to:

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

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

Field Committee

Delaney group procedures

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

- The training session are expected to start at 5:00 and run until dark. If you arrive late you may not be able to run all the set-ups.
- This is a training session, think about what you want you and your dog to LEARN. Do not try to win the training session, you will have ample time to demonstrate your dog's ability at the tests. While all dogs have bad days, if you dog appears to consistently have problems, then you may want to consider that the task you have asked is beyond the current ability of your dog. All dogs learn at different rates and have different problems. Do not feel your dog should be able to do the most difficult set-up or that a training approach used by one member is always the right approach for your dog. Don't hesitate to ask more experienced handlers for suggestions how to simplify if you're in doubt. Ask questions!
- Please make sure your dog is ready to run when it is your turn. Ideally, there is always a dog in the holding blind. Air your dog in advance, pick up after your dog!
- Please be aware that we're sharing the grounds with other people walking their dogs. **If someone complains, be courteous, offer to explain what we are doing, but do not get into arguments.**

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

Email: ginagross@mindspring.com

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

Communicating with Legislators By Mail or Fax

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

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

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

**Pawcatuck River Labrador Retriever Club
Presents
for Labrador Retrievers Only
WC/WCI/WCX with Pee Wee & Novice Retriever Stakes
and
Conformation Certificate**

To be held at
Fin Fur & Feather Club
213 Chewink Road
Chaplin, CT 06235
www.finfurfeatherclub.com
on
Saturday, October 3, 2009

Entries Close : Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009 at 11:59 P.M.
www.prlrc.org

The WC/WCI/WCX Tests begin at 8:00 a.m.

Pee Wee Retriever/Novice Stake begin at 10:30 a.m.

LRC, Inc Conformation Certificate

WC/WCI/WCX/Pee Wee Retriever & Novice entries mail to:
Julie Jussaume
199 Bear Hill Rd.
Dayville, CT 06241
Tel. 860-933-3599, email: jjussaume@sbcglobal.net

Entries close on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 11:59 p.m.
with the Test Co-Secretary at the above address.

COMMITTEE

Chair/Co-Chair: Julie Jussaume and Tom Hoagland

PRLRC Test Secretary: Julie Jussaume, 199 Bear Hill Rd.,
Dayville, CT 06241

Email: jjussaume@sbcglobal.net or Tel. 860-933-3599 and
premiums available on the PRLRC web site: www.prlrc.org



**The LRC National Premium is available
here:**

<http://www.onofrio.com/plist/rlba1pl.pdf>



Pawcatuck River Labrador Retriever Club

5th Annual Back to Back Specialties*

Thursday & Friday, September 17 & 18, 2009

North Stonington Fairgrounds, North Stonington, CT

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Dogs and Intersex - **Marion Hopkinson** (Rocheby)

Bitches – **Clare Senfield** (Allegheny)

Sweepstakes – **Carol Heidi** (Tabatha)

Obedience and Jr Showmanship (div. by age)

Frank Washabaugh

Rally – **Joanne Williamson**

Friday, September 18, 2009

Dogs and Intersex – **Clare Senfield** (Allegheny)

Bitches – **Marion Hopkinson** (Rocheby)

Sweepstakes – **Faith Hyndman** (Buckstone)

Obedience and Jr Showmanship (div. by age)

Sandy Walker

Rally – **Lynda Moore**

Show Chair: Donna Kenny (stillbrooklabs@aol.com)

Co Chair: Cheryl Curtis (erinhill@verizon.net)

Show Secretary: Jim Rau Dog Shows
(www.raudogshows.com)

*Please join us for our upcoming Specialties and enjoy
the spacious fairgrounds, wonderful hospitality and
The BOB Bowser Buffet*

Dogs & Cats Duke it Out for Title of America's Most Preferred Pet Print This Article [Tuesday, August 18, 2009]

Are you a Dog or Cat Person? Vote Now @ www.meetthebreeds.com

For eons, people have argued over which is better – Men or Women, Republicans or Democrats, Batman or Spiderman and Vanilla or Chocolate. But for pet owners the most heated debate of all is– Dogs or Cats. Having been our faithful companions for centuries, dogs and cats are the most popular domesticated pets in the world, bringing joy and comfort to millions of people. But, as beloved as our pets are, there can only be one true ruler of the 'Companion Animal' kingdom! It all comes down to whether your 'best friend' is the "cat's meow" or "top dog."

Inspired by the upcoming Meet the Breeds™ event, the world's largest showcase of cats and dogs, the American Kennel Club® (AKC) and the Cat Fanciers' Association® (CFA) have joined forces to put an end to this long-running dispute once and for all with a definitive one-question survey: "Are you a dog or cat person?" You can weigh in and cast your vote now at www.meetthebreeds.com.

The arguments are convincing on both sides. Dog lovers boast that canines are social animals and don't need a litter box, will guard and protect you, can be taught tricks and can always be counted on to adore you. Cat lovers brag that felines are affectionate, regal, slobber-free, self-cleaning, lap-sitting, purr-in-your-ear companions who won't disturb the neighbors while you're at work.

In fact, one meetthebreeds.com cat voter said, "If people were more cat-like we'd be able to separate pretenders from the real thing, take better care of ourselves, do what pleases us instead of what pleases everybody else, and enjoy life more." A dog voter, on the other hand, argued that "Dogs will offer themselves up to save their military and police handlers and will face any challenge to try and help a human in need. They have stood alone at night guarding the herdsmen flock and stood by the side of a fallen loved one offering comfort."

While this is a debate almost everyone can weigh in on, could the feline vs. canine conundrum be behind some of Hollywood's biggest conflicts? According to Denise Richards, her eldest daughter Sam was named after ex-husband Charlie Sheen's cat. Denise explained that Charlie loved the cat so much he insisted on his daughter having the same name. Since the divorce, Denise, who currently has 10 dogs, has been quoted as saying "we don't have the cat anymore." [Visit our Web site](#) to learn more about celebrities and their relationships with their pets.

As for you, we need your vote by October 6, 2009. Visit www.meetthebreeds.com and after you place your vote, check back at any time to see what pet is ahead or write to us at meetthebreeds@akc.org to tell why you voted the way you did. Also download free virtual "Dogs are #1" and "Cats are #1" stickers for your Web site, blog or social media pages.

Sponsored by PetPartners, Inc. a leading pet healthcare provider, Meet the Breeds will be held October 17 & 18, 2009 at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City. From the Afghan Hound to the Turkish Angora, the event will showcase 160 AKC registered dog breeds and 41 CFA registered cat breeds in booths individually decorated to depict each breed's country of origin, historical purpose/function, and attributes as a family pet. The family-friendly event is an opportunity for potential pet owners to interact with responsible breeders and play with dogs and cats while educating themselves about responsible pet ownership and choosing the right pet for their lifestyle.

Event hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both Saturday, October 17, and Sunday, October 18. Tickets allow admittance for one day and can be purchased at www.meetthebreeds.com.

AKC SURVEY FINDS MAJORITY OF OWNERS WOULD DEFY EMERGENCY EVACUATION ORDERS AND STAY WITH PETS

Despite Ominous Predictions for 2006 Hurricane Season, Poll Shows Even Responsible Pet Owners Not Prepared For an Emergency

New York, NY – A survey conducted by the American Kennel Club® shows that pet owners overwhelmingly consider their four-legged companions as members of the family. If forced to evacuate their homes to a location where they could not bring their pets, 62% of those polled would defy the authorities and stay with their animals.

The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service is expecting "an above-average Atlantic hurricane season." The season officially starts June 1. This week, May 21-27, is NOAA's National Hurricane Preparedness Week.

Majority are Responsible Pet Owners

A significant majority of those surveyed are responsible, caring pet owners.

- 97% would take their pets with them in case of an evacuation
- 97% keep up with vaccinations
- 79% permanently identify their pets through microchipping or tattoo
- 62% have a family evacuation plan in case a natural disaster hits
- 61% have a pet evacuation plan
- 23% were prompted to design an emergency plan for their pet after Hurricanes Katrina/Rita
- 91% of owners say they have a copy of their pet's vaccination records, 79% have their AKC registration papers, 93% have an extra leash and 89% have extra dog food—some of the basics for a pet disaster kit

Despite Love for Pets, Owners Not Ready for an Emergency

While survey respondents overwhelmingly consider their animals to be members of the family, there are some troubling indicators that many are not prepared to safely evacuate their pets if the need arises.

- Of those who do not have an evacuation plan for their pet, 22% say it is because they live in a geographic location that isn't a likely target for terrorism or is not susceptible to natural disasters or other disasters, while over half (52%) said they would like to have one but didn't know how
- While a majority of owners have vaccination records and extra food and water on hand for their pets, three

quarters (76%) do not have the items assembled in a portable pet disaster kit in the case of an immediate evacuation

- 55% of respondents do not have a list of hotels that accept pets outside their area's evacuation zone

"The threat of a disaster, both natural and otherwise, is always present," said AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "While those owners surveyed obviously love and care greatly for their pets, it's alarming that many of them are not prepared to safely evacuate their animals at a moment's notice. With hurricane season at our doorstep and the continued threat of terrorism, we advise that all pet owners prepare well in advance for all kinds of emergency situations and always heed the advice of authorities."

"We are expecting an above-average hurricane season," said Dennis Feltgen, Meteorologist and Public Affairs Officer for the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service. "Prepare, prepare, prepare. We know that people who have a hurricane plan, and execute that plan, fare much better than those that do not. Many people consider their pets as members of the family, and we saw evidence of this in the Gulf region during Katrina. Some shelters may take pets, but many will not. Make sure your pet is part of your storm plan."

- A higher percentage of those polled nationwide have an evacuation plan for their pets (61%) than the number of pet owners in the Midwest who have evacuation plans for themselves and their families (58%)

Pet Owners Level of Preparedness Varies by Region

Southwest

- 14% of Southwest residents do not have their pets vaccination records in their home, the lowest percentage compared with other regions

Northwest

- 30% of Northwest residents who say they did not have an evacuation plan claim that it is because they live in a geographical location that isn't a likely target for terrorism and is not susceptible to natural disasters. This is 8% higher than the national average
- 74% of those Northwest residents surveyed microchip their pets, which is significantly higher than the national average (65%)
- 99% of those surveyed in the Northwest are up to date with their pets' vaccinations, the highest in the U.S.

Southeast (including Gulf States)

- The impact of hurricanes Katrina and Rita were apparent in the survey findings, as Southeast residents are the most prepared to safely evacuate their pets in case of an emergency, with nearly three quarters of those polled (74%) reporting that they have an evacuation plan for their pet and 29% reporting they have a pet disaster kit assembled
- Over a quarter (28%) of Southeast residents designed a pet evacuation plan because of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Over half (58%) have always had a pet emergency plan

Northeast

- Not surprisingly, the Northeast lead the nation in the number of respondents who created an evacuation plan for their pet after September 11 (16% of Northeast respondents vs. 8% nationally)
- However, the Northeast was the lowest in the nation to have an evacuation plan for their pet (51%)

Midwest

- In the Midwest, 82% of pet owners claim they do not have a pet disaster kit assembled in case of an evacuation, the highest percentage in the nation

For more information about National Hurricane Preparedness Week visit National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration website at www.noaa.gov. For disaster tips please visit http://www.akc.org/pdfs/public_education/prepared.pdf. Pet owners can download a free pet evacuation planning brochure from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security at www.ready.gov or request a copy by calling 1-800-BE-READY.

Explanatory Notes:

The survey was conducted by the American Kennel Club during a two-week period in May 2006. A total of 1,006 surveyors responded voluntarily to 17 questions. Self-selecting methods were used in recruitment for this study. AKC does not guarantee that these statistics are scalable to the overall population. This data is for anecdotal purposes only.

"Are you ready to pack us up in case of an emergency?"



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<http://www.veterinarypracticenews.com/vet-practice-news-columns/dental-edge/oral-hygiene-programs.aspx>

AKC Announces New Program for Mixed Breeds

Tuesday, April 14, 2009]

New York, NY – For the past 125 years, the American Kennel Club® has been the nation's premier advocate for dogs and the people who love them. The AKC's Board of Directors has voted unanimously to proceed with a program for mixed breed dogs which will allow it to act even more broadly and effectively as the dog's champion. The creation of this program ushers in new opportunities for AKC's constituents and clubs and will allow the organization to grow and flourish.

"Our goal in creating a program specifically designed for mixed breeds is to share our passion for dogs and our sport," said AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung. "AKC will broaden its legislative influence by representing more dog owners and achieve greater exposure for our responsible dog ownership messaging. But ultimately, the positive developments that this program creates will benefit dogs the most, and this is what we value above all."

The mixed breeds program will be implemented in three phases. As of October 1, 2009 owners can begin enrolling their pets and receive an AKC ID number. Then beginning April 1, 2010 enrolled dogs will be eligible to compete in mixed breed classes at stand-alone AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally events. Soon after they will have access to benefits such as discounted AKC Companion Animal Recovery Lost and Found service, a free AKC Canine Good Citizen® certificate for dogs passing the CGC test, a free initial veterinary visit, a trial offer of pet health insurance and discounted coupons for dog supplies.

The third phase will offer a dedicated Web site where dog owners can interact via an online community with discussion forums and access dog care video downloads, advice from experts and the most up-to-date news on canine health and welfare. The site will be continually enhanced with new features and benefits in order to respond to the changing needs of pet owners.

This new AKC initiative is the first designed to specifically benefit mixed breed dogs and their dog owners, however the AKC has long included mixed breeds in programs such as AKC Canine Good Citizen®, AKC S.T.A.R. Puppyism, AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day and the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund's disaster relief efforts. In addition, AKC has always actively advocated for the rights of all dog owners and the welfare of dogs through its Government Relations efforts and serves dog owners through its affiliate organizations such as the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation and AKC Companion Animal Recovery.

For more information about the AKC's mixed breeds program, visit www.akc.org/mixedbreeds.

AKC Forms Canine Health & Welfare Advisory Panel

Friday, July 17, 2009

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce the formation of the AKC Canine Health & Welfare Advisory Panel, extending and enhancing AKC's longstanding focus on the health and welfare of dogs. The panel's goal will be to provide factual and impartial information by creating a forum for proactive discourse based on scientific and ethical concerns. The AKC hopes to strengthen opportunities for the public to admire, love and own purebred dogs and to foster greater public education about health concerns relevant to all dogs.

Members of the Panel are:

- Sandra Barker, PhD, NCC, LPC, Director of the Center for Human-Animal Interaction, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Jerold Bell, DVM, Clinical Associate Professor of Genetics, Dept. of Clinical Sciences, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine
- Edmund Dziuk, COO, Orthopedic Foundation For Animals, Columbia, MO
- John Hamil, DVM, Canyon Animal Hospital, Laguna Beach, CA
- Joan Hendricks, VMD, PhD, The Gilbert S. Kahn Dean, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine
- Linda Lord, DVM, MS, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, Ohio State University
- Colleen O'Keefe, DVM, MS, Division Manager, Food Safety & Animal Protection, Illinois Department of Agriculture
- Patricia Olson, DVM, PhD, President & CEO, Morris Animal Foundation
- Elaine Ostrander, PhD, Chief & Senior Investigator, National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health (*Pending*)
- Frances Smith, DVM, PhD, Chair and President, Board of Directors, Orthopedic Foundation For Animals, Columbia, MO; Smith Veterinary Hospital, Inc., Burnsville, MN

Also joining the panel will be AKC Board Members Patricia H. Haines, DVM, and Alan Kalter. AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung will participate as an *ex officio* member.

"This impressive group offers a wide range of credentials and knowledge that will be a tremendous resource regarding information on canine health issues that affect all dogs," said Ron Menaker, AKC Chairman. "Americans are more passionate about pets than ever before. The combined expertise and collective dedication to animal welfare that this panel represents will engage the public on the topic of responsible dog breeding and provide balanced information from impartial sources."

For more information about canine health visit www.akcdoghealth.com.



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Date	Event	Location	Opens/Closes
Sep 19 & 20, 2009	Fall Hunt Test	Woodstock, CT	Sep 8, 2009
September 17 & 18, 2009	Pawcatuck River Labrador		
	Retriever Club Specialties	North Stonington, CT	
October 3, 2009	WC/WCI/WCX PRLRC	Chaplin, CT	Sept. 23, 2009

Virgo

Pet Astrology

You need to practice patience with a Virgo pet, because these animals can be more than a little picky! Finicky is their middle name, and mealtime is only the beginning.

Be sure to feed them simple food and establish a routine for it — a set [schedule](#) can comfort these order-loving creatures. Virgo pets are also prone to hypochondria, so they'll forever be wincing or yelping about this or that. Get used to it!

That said, it can be easy to care for this pet if what you need is a stable routine. The Virgo pet will enjoy being walked at the same time every day and will appreciate its usual route, thank you very much.

Other than the basics, the Virgo pet doesn't require much. This animal will not expect new toys; they're much more fond of their well-worn playthings. They also have a great attention to detail, something that makes them good guard animals.

While the Virgo pet can seem demanding at times, it's only because they know what they want and are counting on you to help them get it. Keep things simple and consistent, and you'll both be happy!



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