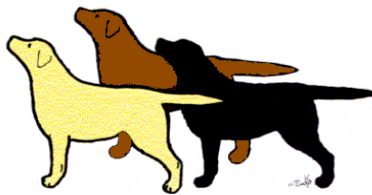


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From the President

So I open this month's AKC gazette and see two advertisements that caught my eye... A dog on a scale, and our ability to breed and own dogs hangs in the balance, and an empty collar hooked to a leash, the point was that some "animal" organizations are actually against our right to own and breed dogs.

We are heading into New England's 5th favorite sport, after baseball, basketball, hockey and football POLITICS. We are looking at primaries and elections. Make sure those candidates you consider, consider your views on dog related issues. Our Legislative liaison Stephanie Davis sends emails to all active members with news of upcoming legislation, but take a more proactive stance. If you are in Mass, consider MassFed <http://www.massfeddogs.org/>, in New Hampshire, consider D.O.G.S, dog owners of the granite state, [www. Nhdogs.org](http://www.Nhdogs.org), or the Federation of Maine Dog Clubs <http://www.fedmedogclubs.org/>

Find out what is going on in your area, do letters need to be written, and do these organizations need your support speaking at legislative hearings? Those animal organizations who really do not favor ownership of animals have HUGE coffers, they have HUGE lobbying efforts, and their goals sound good, at first..... Dig in , find out.... Worcester, Massachusetts is tightening the rules for owning a pit bull. The Worcester City Council approved new regulations as of 9/7/2010 that will make it more expensive to license pit bulls and other dangerous dogs, and require them to be leashed or muzzled while off their property. <http://www.necn.com/09/08/10/Worcester-approves-new-pit-bull-regulati/landing.html?blockID=306872&feedID=4206>

What does that mean for labs? It's not a very long road from banning pit bulls to looking at the bite records of all dogs, and Labradors being the largest number of registered dogs, could quickly come onto some town or municipality's radar as a dangerous breed. As dog owners, dog breeders, and those who compete with dogs, we

Club News

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RESCUE NEWS

need to be vigilant. The days of Mayberry, small town life, and let a dog be a dog are gone. We need to be sure that our rights as dog owners are preserved. I for one would like to own a purebred lab for the rest of my lifetime and not be told that I cannot have a dog from a breeder or that I cannot own a dog at all. I am sure I am preaching to the choir, but please, put your dog agenda on to the list of things you personally consider when considering a candidate...

Barb Burri

Working Certificate Thank You

As Chair and Secretary of the 2010 Working Certificate Test, Annemarie Galvin and Robin Anderson would like to thank everyone for their help and participation in the event. There were lots of last minute changes, but because we are a club with members who all work together, and 'go with the flow', we had another great event.

Thank you especially to Rainer Fuchs and Dick Kennedy, who did all the judging on a hot, humid day, and Nancy Freitas and her main man who brought the trailer in and out AND provided all the food for our workers. Thanks to Eric Madson and his crack gunners as well as all the people who toted, dragged, carried and counted things all day.

As a result of being a new chair, Annemarie is writing up an SOP for all future new chairs. If anyone has any helpful things to include in the planning of this event, send Annemarie a note. Donna Kelliher has photos from the 2010 WC test on her web site for viewing and purchase:

<http://www.photorelect.com/store/thumb-2-page.aspx?e=6943018>

The Triple Crown

Two teams competed for the 2010 Triple Crown.

Joel Wolff & Grampian Hickory's Crimson H2O Dragon, CD, RA, CGC as well as C h u c k

Haynes & Caer

Bren Parker at

Times Square

racked up

breed, obedience

and field points.

While neither dog

earned their

WC Certificate

this time, by

virtue of points ac-

crued, Joel and Cory came in First

Place, followed closely by Chuck and

Parker. Congratulations to both teams!



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.

Labrador Retriever Rescue thanks the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston for once again inviting us to hold our Rescue Parade at the Spring Match in Westford on May 9. The parade is an opportunity for people who have recently adopted a Lab from Lab Rescue to show off their new family member and to meet other adopters. The Rescue Labs each walk two laps around the show ring and receive a yellow rosette and ribbon imprinted with the words, "Honorary Champion." It's a fun event for all, and we appreciate LRCGB letting us use the show ring to honor our adopters and the purebred Labs they have brought into their homes. Photos from the parade will be posted soon on our website www.labrescue.com.

Follow Lab Rescue on Twitter: www.twitter.com/labrescue1988.

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

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Dear LRCGB,

Just a note to thank you so very much for inviting me to judge at your wonderful Specialty.

We had a GREAT TIME! Everyone was so cordial and the food was delicious. It was an honor and a pleasure.

Again, a deep & heartfelt THANK YOU!

Sincerely,
Andy & Tom



The What's New section of the LRCGB web site is now available as an RSS feed for anyone who wants to stay on top of it. Users can use an RSS reader such as Google Reader or Feed Demon, or they can add it to their My Yahoo or iGoogle site. Just go to www.lrcgb.org and click on the "Subscribe in a

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Lab Rescue from the Home Evaluator's Perspective

(or how Rosie and Mango Decide Who Gets a Dog)

by Robin Anderson, with the approval of Rosie & Mango

In an ideal world, every Lab born in the world would have their own forever home, but for a variety of reasons, this sometimes can become impossible. Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc. has a network of volunteers who evaluate Labs, foster them, train them, raise funds for them, and decide what dog goes where once the home evaluator visits an applicant and stamps the seal of approval on the potential home.

For several years I've done a variety of things to help rescue dogs and get them to new homes. I figure it's my way of paying back for having wonderful, happy healthy dogs of my own, and the means to keep them. For about 10 years I've gone to prospective homes to help decide who should have a rescued Lab in their life. My 'territory' is most of Rhode Island and some of Massachusetts.

Someone somewhere in the history of the organization thought it was a wonderful idea to take a Lab on a home visit. In my opinion as an evaluator, this is one of the more critical components of the whole evaluation experience. I used to regularly take my most mischievous and friendly girls, Rosie and Mango. Rosie began evaluating homes when she was a puppy. Mango is now 7 years old and I think her first home visit was when she was about four months old. Rosie has now moved to Virginia where she continues to do missionary work with the sick and elderly, and Mango now shares the evaluation duties with her children and grandchildren. I don't think I'll ever had as good a 'tag team' as Rosie and Mango, but time marches on and things change.

Rosie's job on the home visit was to check all the corners of the house. Upstairs and down, closets, boxes, cat food, and water... she investigated as if she was working for the FBI. Mango's job was typically to charm the occupants of the house while Rosie did her investigating. Mango diverted the attention of the people asking

for belly rubs and giving kisses, and Rosie went about her business, usually undetected until she discovered something she thought was fantastic such as a hiding kitty or shampoo bottles in the shower..

A typical home visit includes the phone call to make the appointment. I usually let the applicant know I'll be bringing 'demo dogs' and the visit should last no more than 20-30 minutes. I tell them to relax and don't worry about cleaning up because dogs bring dog hair and muddy paw prints into their homes. Besides, I want to see the family 'as is'! We who live with Labs understand about dog hair, mud, slimed eyeglasses, gooey tennis balls, puddles on the kitchen floor after a good deep drink, and all the antics that keep us on our toes all day every day. Bringing a 'demo dog' to a home visit is a great way to see how much homework a person has done about the breed. It also helps the human evaluator get into the mind of the potential adopter without asking too many questions.

As I mentioned previously, bringing your own dogs to a home visit is very important. In the end, most of my recommendations on the potential family depend on the family's reaction to my dogs being in their home. Kids especially react very naturally to a dog in the house, so I can tell quite a bit on how a family will be with dogs after watching the whole family react to the children with dogs present. For breeders, it's a lot like inviting the family to view the litter they want a puppy from. You get a lot of information by watching how the parents react to the kids reacting to the puppies!

One family I visited said they really wanted a rescued Lab. When I arrived with Rosie and Mango, the 9-year-old daughter spent the whole visit standing on a dining room chair crying. No amount of persuading or bribing or coaxing would get this child off the chair. My dogs snooped and licked and did Labradorable things as they always do. They also stole the sneakers from the wicker basket at the back door, jumped on the sofa where Dad had placed his sheet music, danced over wires hanging from the back of the TV and VCR that was in the middle of the room, and knocked over the trash can in the middle of the kitchen floor. When Rosie decided it was time to complete her job upstairs in the kids' bedrooms, Mom chased Rosie back into the room where she had already investigated everything. Mango tried to get the winter hats left near the shoes and really wanted to hand Dad the TV remote that was left near the sheet music. Mom and Dad assured me that the kids would be fine and that they could handle a dog like Mango. Yes, all 85 pounds of mischief. This reaction, plus the reluctance to provide a fenced area accessible to the door that the kids used to go out to the yard caused me to caution when I wrote my report later. I wasn't so sure they were ready for the activity of a Labrador coming from rescue.

On another home visit to a gent who was about my own age, my dogs were not welcomed into the home very warmly, so I kept them on lead once I realized the man was not happy being checked out by a pair of dogs doing their jobs. When I got into the 'House Beautiful-ly kept home, the gent was very worried about where my dogs were at all times. Unfortunately, Rosie wasn't able to do her job properly. Mango's job is to charm the residents with her sweet nature by flipping on her back and offering her belly to tickle. This particular gent wasn't into belly tickles, and he sure didn't want Rosie looking into his nooks and crannies. He seemed more interested in discipline than Labradorable antics. "NO" was one of his favorite words on our visit...the house was devoid of mess or doggie comforts. It was picture perfect.... a place to go if you didn't have a dog. The man was polite, and his previous dog had been 'perfect'. There was no fencing around his yard, but the man assured me the neighborhood was dog friendly. I noticed two dogs barking menacingly from next door when I took my girls back to the car at the end of the visit. I took mental notes for my report to be written later.

An older man we visited a few months later had just lost his 'perfect' oldie Goldie, and was looking for the next perfect dog. Rosie and Mango were busy doing their home visit jobs, and this gent was a little nervous about what they might be learning about his home. The man spoke lovingly and in glowing terms about his dog and how much a buddy she had been. It was apparent he needed a dog in his life, but in my notes I wondered if the perfect dog was there for him. I wondered if he hadn't had enough time to mourn his loss. His trepidation about Mango and Rosie doing their jobs, and the fact that he lived on a busy corner of two State highways without a fence caused me to caution about placing a dog in the home right away.

One family I visited had a baby girl who was barely walking as well as her older, active, 4-year-old sister. Rosie and Mango burst into the house to the delight of the whole family. We all sat on the floor to play toddler and doggie games. Sofas and beds were within the limits of all the 'kids'.... two and four leggers...the fenced in back yard and photos of the family dogs who had just passed, along with the grand welcome Rosie and Mango received clinched the deal. There were even dog cookies and a water bowl on the floor in anticipation for the visit. This family was ready for a Lab in their lives.

One incredible home visit was to a family who had just moved into a new house in a new town. It hadn't been more than four months since losing their previous rescued Lab, and their hearts ached for a new dog to love. Mom, Dad and the two kids, a boy and a girl, warmly welcomed Rosie and Mango into the home. Boxes were still scattered all over the house from the move, and what do Labs love more than cookies? Boxes containing knows what is what they love! It didn't matter to this family that Rosie and Mango were on the job...not to mention the in ground pool that the kids invited Rosie and Mango into for an afternoon swim...what a treat for Rosie and Mango!

Even with the recent loss of their beloved dog, I knew from the first moment that Rosie and Mango were going to approve this family for a dog. They were a loving family, enjoyed the dogs, had the fence and the pool and the toys...they did get a dog soon after and as far as I know, they are very happy together!

Sometimes Rosie and Mango do too good a job on a home visit. The family is sold on having a dog 'just like Rosie' or 'just like Mango' and they won't even try to consider a dog of a different color, age, or energy level. It's so much better when the family is flexible and will accept a dog maybe a little older or younger, or maybe a black Lab when they really thought they couldn't live without a yellow one. I can't tell you how many times I've heard "Can you just leave Mango here and tell the rescue folks we found what we're looking for?" I just laugh and say thank you...it shows me I've done my job with my own dogs when they make such a good impression on a family we've just met.

Our most recent home visit was to a family with free range chickens. The man wrote on the application form about the chickens, and he told me about them when I made the phone appointment. But what he didn't tell me was that there were 45 chickens that came out of every bush, shrub and tree soon after our arrival. By the time of this visit, I thought I had the most obedience, trained, hunt tested, steady to shot and wing dog in Mango, so she wasn't wearing a collar, and I didn't put a leash on her. After Mango realized how many chickens there were, and how fast they can run, she got drunk on flapping, cackling chickens and no amount of calling her to HEEL HEEL HEEL could get her off her merry chase. To the horror of the family, Mango cornered a chicken under a bush where the two teenage girls and the Dad

and I caught Mango before she could think about chukken mc-nuggets. I took her firmly by one ear back to the car. There was not ONE bit of remorse on her face. If dogs can smile, Mango's was a grin from ear to ear. Believe it or not, the family sat for the interview and still wanted a Labrador after Mango's display.

Yes, volunteering this way is time consuming, and I have program the GPS to get to places where I have to drive and might still get lost, and yes gas is costly, and think about all the other things I could be doing besides checking out people who think they want a dog...but my heart is always lifted when I get a note telling me that a Lab was placed with a family we've visited. It means Rosie, Mango, and others in the Grampian Pack have helped save another dog from an uncertain existence.

One family I interviewed is local to me, and they are also members of the same yacht club where I've known them for many years. This family was honored to have me visit for an event other than boating, and were all thrilled when only a few weeks later they were able to adopt a yellow girl that they adore. Each time I see the family at the club I get a new 'story' about the dog, and they always thank me for facilitating the adoption. For all the reasons above, I continue to volunteer.

Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc. is our local Lab Rescue organization. For those of you who are unaware, it serves Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Eastern Massachusetts. They have a web site: www.labrescue.com and a hotline number: 978-356-2982. We're all busy, but I hope there is something you can do to help place a Lab in need with a family who needs a Lab.

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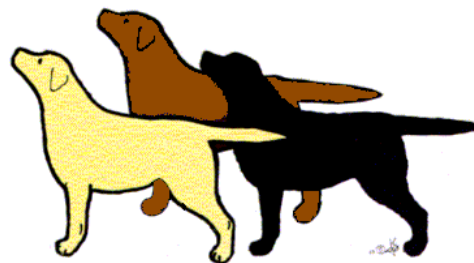
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**Theory & Problem Solving Workshop
with Connie Cleveland**

This is exclusive for club members till July, then we open it to the world January 15th and 16th

A 2-day working seminar focused on training your dog by understanding how dogs learn



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 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, and her obedience experience includes 7 Obedience Trial Champions, 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 on her, please visit Dog Trainers Workshop homepage at www.dogtrainersworkshop.com)

This is a working seminar to be held at MasterPeace Dog Training, 264 Fisher Road, Franklin, MA 02038. The Registration Fee includes morning coffee and pastries, lunch and refreshments. Limited working spots available** First preference will be given to LRCGB members until July, 2011: then it will be open to non-members! Seminar hours: Saturday, Jan 15, 2011- 9:00 am-5 pm & Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011, 8 am-3 pm. For more information, please contact Gerrie Owren by email: gerrieo@verizon.net or call: (401) 556 8846

****PLEASE NOTE:** Working spots are limited to 24 dog/handler teams who will attend both days of the seminar. No limit on auditors. Full payment must be received with your registration to hold your spot.**

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1, 2010!! Electronic registration available. Check the LRCGB website for more details.

DEADLINE for working team registration is September 30, 2010. DEADLINE for auditors is December 15, 2010. There will be no refunds for working teams unless they can find a replacement. Make checks payable to LRCGB (Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston) and mail payment plus registration form to: Barb Burri, 8 Ridgewood Ave., Plaistow, NH 03865
Connie Cleveland's Problem Solving Seminar: Saturday, 1/15/11 & Sunday, 1/16/11

Registration: Check what you are registering for at this seminar:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> LRCGB Member | <input type="checkbox"/> LRCGB Non-member |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Auditor (2 days) - \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Auditor (2 days) - \$90 |
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Please print:

Name: _____

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City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone #(s): _____

Please answer the following questions if registering for a working slot:

Dog's Name: _____

Dog's Breed: _____

Level dog is working: _____

Problem/s you would like to work on:

Working spots will be based on a first come, first served basis. LRCGB members will have priority for working spots until July 2010: then it will be opened up to non-members. Ample crating space will be available, however, we ask that only those with working spots bring their dogs.

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Member Accomplishments

On Friday July 9th, 2010 at the Kennelworth KC shows in West Springfield Mass... **Burri's Lofty LadyHawke finished her CD...** and with all her titles AKC and other is : **ARCHX Burri's Lofty LadyHawke,CD,RA,RLVX,RL1x,RL2x, CGC, CC, TDI-AOV, CSL1,CSL3-F.** This CD is no small accomplishment for a 10 year old Labrador..... she is CH Willcare's Master of the Hunt CD, JX x MacDonald's Majestic Madison... Owned, Trained and Loved by Barb Burri.

Frank and Elaine Capone's Boys...

OI Bailey Telluride Big Blue received his RN Title with a score of 95 out of 25 entries at At The Vermont



Circuit ..Ryder is Loved and expertly handled by Freddi Vecchi.

Wade Remington received his RN Title with a score of 98 and a First Place Placement out of 7 entries..and a score of 94 with a Second Place



Placement out of 10 entries..Not bad for "A Lifting Leg" NQ on his first rally run at Our Specialty..

Pasta completed her Junior Hunter Saturday July 24th at the Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club Hunt Test. She is now **Riverbenz Pasta Primavera JH, WC.** She also picked up a bumper leg on Sunday handled by Russ Bennett. This was Russ' first time running a dog. Way to go Pasta and Russ!! Owner: Pattie Duddy

RIDGEVIEW FARM'S GENEROSITY CD RE NAP NJP CGC CL1-R CL1-H CL1-F RL1 AOE-L1. Owned and trained by Donna Cook, Co-owned and bred by Lynn Thomas Ridgeview Farms

"Genni" and I have had a busy Summer, completing her AKC Preferred Novice Standard and Novice Jumpers Agility titles on the same day both with 1st Place, qualified in Open Standard and Open Jumpers the following day, finished CPE Level 1 Handlers and Level 1 Fun Titles and qualified in several Level 2 classes as well ,earned her APDT Rally Level 1 with an Award of Excellence and all 1st Place Ribbons.

WESKEAG CASUALLY DRESSED RE RL1 AOE-L1 owned,

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trained and bred by Donna Cook

"Cassi" finished her AKC Rally Excellent title this Spring and earned her first leg on her RAE at the LRCGB Specialty. She also completed her APDT Rally Level 1 with an Award of Excellence and some nice placements.

From Donna Cook: **Ridgeview Farm's Generosity CDX RE NAP NJP CGC CL1-R CL1-H CL1-F RL1 "Genni"** [bred by and co-owned with Lynn Thomas and owned, trained and shown by Donna Cook] qualified in Open A and earned her last CDX leg at the Central Maine Kennel Club trial on Sept. 3rd. A CDX, NAP, NJP were our goals for 2010 and we have far exceeded those expectations. It has been a year I will never forget with this amazing girl!

Hank is now a Grand Champion, so his official title is **BISS GCH. Ch. Danbridge Henry J** . He is one of the first 10 Labrador Retrievers to attain the Grand Champion title. (*Ch. Danbridge Indiana Jones WC X Ch. Danbridge Empress Josephine*)



BOB - LRCPV - Beth Sweigart, LRCGB - Janet Farmillette, NOLRC - Nancy Talbott

Group IV - Robert Ennis; Group IV - Dr. Michael

Woods; Group III - Jean-Louis Blais

BOB - Thomas Bradley III, Jinny Nealon, Sharon Celentano, Linda Bednarski, Marion Lyons, Traci Stintzcum, Dr. Marge Benham-Hutchins

Karen Day is handling Hank - and they make quite the team.

Danbridge Rumor Has It RN (*Ch. Windfalls Pipe Major X Danbridge Cora*). Muffie got her first major and BOS under Robert Ennis. And a RWB at LRCGB under Janet Farmillette and 1st Open Black under Beth Sweigart at LRCPV.

Muffie's sister Margarita , **Danbridge Shake It Up WC, RN** took her Open Yellow class under Beth Sweigart at the same show - LRCPV

Danbridge Black Pearl (Trinity's Titus X Danbridge Pin - Up Girl) got 2 majors on our trip - WB and BOS under Traci Stintzcum and WB and BOW under Dr. Michael Woods. She also took RWB under Linda Bednarski.



AKC Informational Update: Position Statement on Debarking

[Friday, August 27, 2010]

At the August Board meeting, the AKC Board of Directors approved an official canine legislation policy position statement on debarking.

Debarking is a viable veterinary procedure that may allow a dog owner to keep a dog that barks excessively in its loving home rather than to be forced to surrender it to a shelter. Debarking should only be performed by a qualified, licensed veterinarian after other behavioral modification efforts to correct excessive barking have failed. As with other veterinary medical decisions, the decision to debark a dog is best left to individual owners and their veterinarians.

For more information, contact the AKC Government Relations Department at 919-816-3720 or doglaw@akc.org.

Federal PUPS Legislation Information Update

[Thursday, July 22, 2010]

The American Kennel Club and our Washington, D.C.-based advocacy team continue to closely monitor S. 3424/H.R. 5434, the federal Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety (PUPS) Act. There has been no official action on the bill since its introduction in late May.

As previously reported, the 2010 PUPS bill seeks to expand federal regulation of dog breeders who breed and sell more than 50 puppies a year directly to consumers. This version is a significant improvement over previous versions, which focused on the number of dogs owned, regardless of what was bred or sold. This version would require the new category of breeders to abide by basic minimum standards of care and conditions and to abide by new performance-based exercise requirements.

However, the AKC also has a number of serious concerns with the bill as introduced. Some of these concerns include:

- Definition of "breeding female" as an intact female dog aged 4 months or older. Female dogs are not sufficiently mature at 4 months of age to be bred.
- Definition of "high volume retail breeder" that is overly broad and does not take into account co- and joint ownerships. Additionally, a reference in this definition to the number of dogs owned by a breeder is unnecessary and potentially misleading.
- Exercise language should be clarified to ensure that the daily exercise requirements do not preclude training that involves other types of activity as well.

We will continue to monitor this legislation vigilantly and to outline our concerns regarding PUPS legislation to appropriate members of Congress and staff. Given the issues that AKC and other responsible dog owner groups have raised, and that Congress will be in session for fewer than six weeks prior to the November elections, it is not likely that there will be action on PUPS in the near term.

AKC will continue its education campaign with legislators and we will keep you up to date on any new developments.



We are now accepting entries for our 24th Annual Fiction Contest.

The winners will receive \$500 for first place, \$250 for second, and \$100 for third place.

The winning stories will be published in the AKC GAZETTE and AKC FAMILY DOG as space allows.

DEADLINE: ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31, 2011

SEND ENTRIES TO:

AKC Publications Fiction Contest
The American Kennel Club
260 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to anyone except employees of the American Kennel Club and their immediate families.
2. Entries must be original, unpublished stories that have not been offered to or accepted by any other publisher. Only one entry per author.
3. The American Kennel Club retains the right to publish the three prize-winning entries in the AKC GAZETTE, AKC FAMILY DOG, or other AKC publications.
4. Entries may feature either a purebred or mixed breed dog. The maximum length is 2,000 words. Entries exceeding that length will not be considered. No talking dogs, please.
5. Entries must be printed on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper, one side per page, double-spaced. Poor-quality or faded copies cannot be considered.
6. The author's name, address, and phone number must appear on the first page. The author's name and the page number must appear on each successive page.
7. AKC Publications cannot acknowledge receipt of manuscripts and assumes no responsibility for any entry under any circumstances. Entries will not be returned. No phone calls, please.
8. All acceptable entries will be read by a panel of judges selected by AKC Publications. They will choose the winners based on the style, content, originality, and appeal of the story. All decisions are final. Winners will be announced in an issue of AKC GAZETTE and AKC FAMILY DOG in 2011.



Heading West . . .

**The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.
2010 National Specialty Events Week**
Prado Regional Park and Prado Dog Training Area, Chino, California (Southern California)

October 9 through October 15, 2010

Deadline for catalog advertising September 5, 2010.

Entries for Conformation, Companion Dog Events and the WC and CC close September 15, 2010.

Entries for the Hunting Retriever Test close September 29, 2010.

Food and Entertainment with—

- "Meet & Greet" Hospitality Night • Mexican Fiesta Night • On site Barbeque Night with Band

A Hunting Retriever Test with—

- TWO Juniors • TWO Seniors • A Master
- Working Certificate Test (WC) • Conformation Evaluation (CC)

Tracking Test—

- TD and TDX tracks.

Workshops with—

- Educational Seminars • Health Screening Clinics • Judges' Education Seminar

Companion Events with—

- TWO Agility Trials • TWO Obedience Trials • TWO Rally Trials

Conformation Events—

- TWO dog shows
- Sweepstakes • Jr. Showmanship

Host Hotel will be the Doubletree, Ontario, California

For the hotel reservations link, event details, judges and more information visit the LRC, Inc. web site at www.thelabradorclub.com.

A very BIG THANK YOU to the members of the three regional Southern California clubs—the Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California, the San Diego Labrador Retriever Club and the High Desert Labrador Retriever Club—that have provided their support, recommendations and manpower to help make the 2010 National Specialty Event Week an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Come Join the Fun!

LRC Inc. 2010 National Specialty Photography Contest

It's time to enter your best photographs of your favorite Labrador Retrievers and share your love of the breed with everyone attending the LRC, Inc. 2010 National Specialty. We are pleased to announce that George and Judy McLachlan, LRCSC Club members, are the premier sponsors for this contest.

Categories: Hunting Labradors, Fun and Games Labradors, Labradors with their People, Labrador Puppies, and Labrador Portraits/Character Studies.

Prizes: Best in Show – Rosette and \$50.00 gift card, First Places – Rosette and \$25.00 gift card, Second Places – Rosette and \$25.00, Third Places – Rosette and \$25.00 gift card, Honorable Mentions – Rosette. Prizes will be presented at the Specialty. If the winner is not present, prizes will be mailed at the conclusion of the show. All winning photos will be displayed during the LRC, Inc. 2010 National Specialty.

How to Enter: The contest is open to any photographer, amateur or professional, adult or minor. Each photographer may enter up to five (5) photos not to exceed two (2) per category. There is no entry charge by the LRC, Inc. for this contest. Digital images will be accepted with the following limits: All digital images must be jpeg format and digital files must not be larger than 2,048k (2Mb) and must be at least 300dpi and finished print size must be no larger than 8x10. If submitting prints, the print size must not be larger than 8x10 and not smaller than 5x7. Prints may not be matted or framed and should be sent in a cardboard mailer to ensure the integrity of the print. Color and B&W images are acceptable, but images that are grainy, blurry, or show pixilation may not be suitable for judging. Manipulation of exposure, cropping, sharpening, and color adjustment or the digital equivalents are acceptable for all categories. Removing leashes is permissible, but extreme digital manipulation of the dog/subject is not and that entry will be disqualified by the judges. Do not sign photos or include names on the front of any photo.

How to submit your entry: Digital images should be emailed to Diane Matsuura at dmatsuura@canidae.com. Printed photos or images on CD's should be mailed to: Diane Matsuura, 915 E. Lemon Ave, Glendora, CA 91741. Every effort will be made to send a conformation response, however the host clubs and the LRC, Inc will not be responsible for lost mail or incomplete email transmissions or CD images that can't be opened.

Deadline for Entries: October 1, 2010 by 4:30 pdst

Questions? Call Diane Matsuura at Canidae Pet Foods, M-F 8:30-4:30 pdst, 800-398-1600 x 100 or by email.

Entry Information for each image: Include your name, address, phone number and email address and the category you are entering for each photo. If submitting photos by email, please include this information in the body of the email.

Judging: Photos will be judged by a panel of experts from the Tri-Community School of Photography, Covina CA. All decisions of the judges are final.

Additional rules: Entries containing children and adults will require a model release if not related to the photographer. Please contact Diane Matsuura and one will be sent to you. By entering this contest, entrants grant the LRC, Inc. a royalty-free, perpetual, non-exclusive license to display, distribute, reproduce, whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed, for educational, promotional, publicity, exhibition, and all other standard LRC, Inc. purposes. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit as feasible.

DEAR LABBY

"Dear Labby" will be a once-in-a-while, hit or miss column dedicated to helpful hints for the owner of one or many Labradors. Dear Labby won't dispense veterinary or breeding advice and won't touch anything even hinting at controversy with a ten-foot pole.



Photo courtesy of Abner Barlow

She will, however, welcome any tried and true helpful hints her readers may have and try to include them in her column. When submitting something please indicate whether or not you wish your name used.

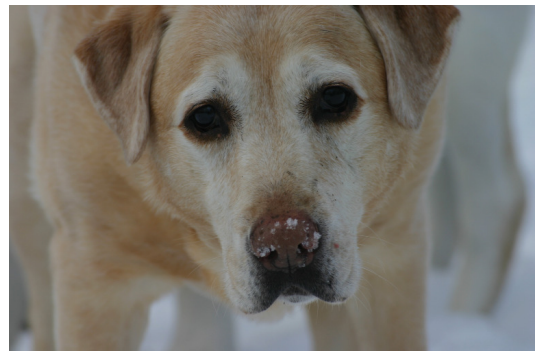
DEAR LABBY

We have an old dog who seems to have trouble holding his weight in the winter. We think it is because he is losing too much body heat as his coat isn't as heavy as it used to be. We have considered buying him a coat but we can never seem to find one that fits not to mention the fact that they tend to be pricey for large dogs and I have had problems keeping them clean. I had considered making one myself but as I can barely hem my jeans thought I would try you first.

E. POOCHIE

DEAR POOCHIE:

Having always had a houseful of elderly Labradors, both ladies and gentlemen, and never having learned to sew Dear Labby solved this problem to her own satisfaction several years ago. She buys relatively inexpensive men's sweatshirts usually in XL or XXL depending on the size of the dog. She then cuts the sleeves off to make it short-sleeved and tries it on with the front of the neck under the dog's neck. If the dog has a very thick neck you can then cut V shaped pieces out of the neckband until it loosens sufficiently to be comfortable. The next step, particularly in the case of gentlemen Labs, is to gather the waistband up until there is no material sagging underneath to get soiled. Make a ponytail of the material and fasten it above the back with a heavy elastic band. It isn't stylish but it is warm and it can be washed and dried. And best of all you don't have to sign up those sewing lessons at Adult Ed. Dear Labby should mention here that a major retailer has now come up with a similar idea and sells sweatshirts for dogs with turtlenecks and long sleeves for much more than you would have to pay for one for yourself.



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Pawcatuck River Labrador Retriever Club

WC/WCI/WCX,
Conformation Certificate
& Pee Wee Retriever/Novice Stake
For Labrador Retrievers Only
Date: Saturday, October 9, 2010
at
The Fin Fur & Feather Club
213 Chewink Rd, Chaplin, CT 06235

Premium available for printing at www.prlrc.org
or contact Julie Jussaume (jjussaume@sbcglobal.net)
or WC Secretary Lori Riley: LoryInlabs1@yahoo.com or
tel. 860-573-8597 for copies of premium.

Entries Close: Wednesday, September 29, 2010
(send to WC Secretary:
Lori Riley, 22 Maple Ave., East Haddam, CT 06423)

Fees: WC \$40.00, WCI and WCX \$45.00,
Pee Wee Retriever/Novice Stake \$20.00
and Conformation Certificate \$15.00

Start time WC/WCI/WCX—8:00 a.m. ,
Pee Wee Retriever/Novice Stake—10:30 a.m.
No live flyers—fresh dispatched mallards will be used.

Judges: WC: Susan Barrett
WCI/WCX: Jim Pickunka and George Amenabar
Pee Wee Retriever/Novice Stake: Anne Hassett and
Donna Crompton

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Claire White Peterson and Audrey Wolcott

TWO AKC OBEDIENCE TRIALS

CHARLES RIVER DOG TRAINING CLUB
Saturday, November 20, 2010
event #2010243703

CONCORD DOG TRAINING CLUB
Sunday, November 21, 2010
event #2010017801

JUDGES

Robert Squires
Novice A, Open A, Utility B
Jeanne Charest
Novice B, Open B, Utility A
entry fee \$27

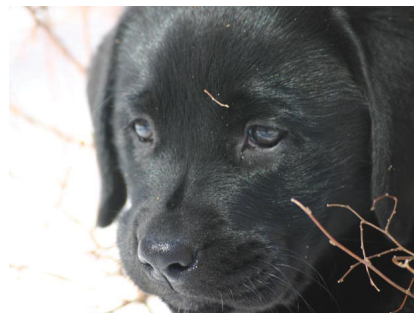
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Novice A, Open A, Utility B
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MasterPeace Dog Training, Franklin, MA

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Premium List & entry forms downloadable at crdco.org and at concorddogtraining.org
For a paper Premium List contact event secretary

Limited entry - Closes Wednesday, November 3, 2010





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

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Area Lab Rescue
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www.thelabradorclub.com/rescue/

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

Change of Address?
Contact Maria Corrigan
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Do you have something to contribute to this publication? Email it to Robin: grampianlabs@comcast.net

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



Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Opens/Closes
Jan 15 & 16, 2011	Connie Cleveland Seminar	Franklin, MA	Sep 15, 2010 Info
Sep 24-26, 2010	Fall Hunt Test	Woodstock, CT	Sep 14, 2010

Pet Astrology

LIBRA (Sep 23- Oct 22)

Libra pets communicate their feelings to the owner through their eyes. They are restless and indecisive creatures. They have finicky manners and test the patience of the owner. They shall do anything if they want to get attention. They are very affectionate and like to company of other pets as well in the house. They are known to be flirts and cannot be accommodated into a particular routine. Their nervous nature usually lands them in troubled waters.



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