### Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston



#### Spring 2010

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#### From the President

This past week, I had the grand opportunity to step out of my usual dog life, and see another venue. For the first time in my life, I attended the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in Madison Square Garden, NY. I've been to the garden before, for hockey and basketball and the National Horse show, but this was my first time at Westminster. Anyone running an event could take a page from their how to book, in terms of making folks feel welcome. When we pulled up in the minivan on a snowy Tuesday morning, their volunteers were on 33rd street inviting us up the ramp and into the garden. Between the WKC and garden staff, we were checked in and directed, and we felt like we were unloading a rock star, not just a Labrador, onto that concrete ramp. People were helpful all along the way, to setting up and getting on our bench, and throughout the day. I'm no dope, I know it takes a LOT of coordination to pull off a show of this magnitude, and I know that it isn't just a matter of volunteers, in a venue like MSG, there is a lot of paid help involved (hence the hefty entry fees). But big or small, it's a great thing to be welcoming to others. The outside world talks about how rough New York is, if you can "make it there, you'll make it anywhere", well it was a warm friendly place last Tuesday I am sure in no small part to the efforts of the Westminster Kennel Club, but also because we were in the world of dog people, crazy dog people, over the top, this is OUR Olympics dog people! We recognize the good qualities in dogs and try to have some of those same good qualities in our relationships with others. Wouldn't it be great if the whole world conducted itself like the dogs at Westminster? Compete, show off, and at the end of the day, wag your tail and go home happy.

Barb Burri



# News

#### THANK YOU NOTES

To everyone that supported the

## LRCGB 4th Annual Obedience and Rally Trials

#### **THANK YOU!**

A round of applause is due to everyone that pitched in to make our event another success. Working with such great people makes chairing this event very rewarding and the weekend lots of fun! The club needs to give individual recognition and thanks to:

Pam Kimel, she has been the "Trial Secretary" for 4 years. Awesome job again this year Pam – we couldn't do it without you! Pam has volunteered to be the trail secretary for the 2011 trials.

Judges: Jeanne Charest & Don Thornton and Donna Blews-Pappas .... Without qualified judges there would be no competition. Kudos to the judges!

Fran Masters, Chief Steward and Emergency Coordinator. Fran is the perfect hostess, she makes everyone feel welcomed. Fran owns the MasterPeace Training Facility. Fran, please pass on a huge thank all the wonderful stewards that worked so hard for the club. Fran has also volunteered to handle these same positions for the 2011 trials.

Robin Anderson – "Raffle Princess" was not able to attend the event again this year due to having a litter of Lab pups to take care of, but she had everything in order and it was very easy Gerrie Owren, Gayle Abrams, and Stephanie to pick up the baton and run with it. Thanks to all who donated and participated ... again this year we donated the proceeds of the raffle to the Labrador Retriever Rescue and Lab Lifeline = \$345!

Beth Teixeira & Donna Gray - Hospitality, Beth Chapman - Trophies, Lisa Kinsman & Lynda Jarrett - Parking, Danette Smith - multiple duties, and Pam Shaw - the LRCGB money gal .... You all made our jobs so easy and made our club look so GOOD!

A BIG "Thank You" to ALL the Members and Friends of the LRCGB that made the club's 4th Annual Obedience and Rally trial

a huge success!

2010 Chairpersons

Cheryl Palmer - Obedience

Gerrie Owren - Rally

FYI .... 2011 Chairpersons will be Joel Wolf

- Obedience and Gayle Abrams - Rally

.... Please consider accepting positions
to help them when they start their recruitment process

Well from a judge's viewpoint-- this was a GREAT trial. Details covered, stewards who helped not only the judge but the exhibitors especially the newcomers to the sport. This is the type of trial that will keep our sport going.

So from me guys, you get a big round of applause for job well done. Also any of you who worked with the exhibitors, kudos to you. The Novice A class blew me away. Our sport is not dead if we can keep people like that coming along. Thank you for your kind invitation to be part of this trial.

Jeanne Charest

#### **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.

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

Search the Web with GoodSearch to help Lab Rescue

What if Labrador Retriever Rescue earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

Search the web with GoodSearch.com and each time you do a search, GoodSearch will donate about a penny to our cause!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, and watch the donations add up!

And if you download the GoodSearch Lab Rescue toolbar, Lab Rescue will earn money every time you shop and search online—even if you forget to go to GoodShop first! Add the Lab Rescue toolbar at <a href="http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/mode">http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/mode</a>.

On GoodSearch.com, we show up as "Labrador Retriever Rescue (Hamilton MA)".

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

## You can now <u>subscribe to the</u> <u>LRCGB event calendar</u> in internet calendar format!

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

Get your OTTER TAILS on line:

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

## LRCGB ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY MARCH 27th 10am-4pm

American K-9 Country Amherst, NH

This is our annual membership/business meeting. We will be electing our Board of Directors and Awarding the Award of Merit ribbons for 2009 It will be a potluck lunch, and a puppy party!

Bring your puppies for Socializing, meeting and greeting
There will be information stations about Rally, Obedience, Field work and other topics of great value to puppy owners.

Activities:

10 am start and socializing
Lunch at 12
Meeting and elections to follow
Award of Merit Ribbons

For the potluck Lunch
If your last name starts with A-F bring an appetizer
G-L bring a main dish
M-R bring a salad
S-Z bring dessert
If none of those choices please you, just bring sodas to share.

Directions to American K-9 Country: 336 Rt 101 Amherst NH, just over the Bedford line.

From the South (Nashua)

Take Rt. 3 / Everett Turnpike (North) to the Manchester I-293/101 West exit. Follow signs towards 101 West (Bedford - Milford). At the Route 101/114 interchange take a left and continue following 101W.

American K-9 Country is located on Rt. 101, approximately 6 miles from the Rt. 114 interchange.

(Note: We are on the right, 2 miles after The Weathervane Restaurant, across from Camp Road at the blinking yellow light.)

From the South (Boston)

Follow I-93 North to I-293 Manchester to 101 West.

Follow signs towards 101 West (Bedford - Milford).

At the Route 101/114 interchange take a left and continue following 101W. American K-9 Country is located on Rt. 101, approximately 6 miles from the Rt. 114 interchange.

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From the North (Concord)

Follow I-93 South to I-293 toward 101 West.

Follow signs towards 101 West (Bedford - Milford). At the Route 101/114 interchange take a left and continue following 101W. American K-9 Country is located on Rt. 101, approximately 6 miles from the Rt. 114 interchange.

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From the West (Keene)

Follow Rt. 101 East towards Manchester / Bedford.

Watch for Salzburg Square Shopping Complex (Yellow old type buildings) on your left. American K-9 Country is approximately 1 mile past Salzburg Square, on the left, at blinking yellow light across from Camp Road.

From the East Coast (Portsmouth)

Take Rt. 101 West towards Manchester / Bedford.

Follow Rt. 101 West through Manchester past the Mall of NH. Continue to follow 101W towards Bedford / Milford. At the Route 101/114 interchange take a left and continue following 101W. American K-9 Country is located on Rt. 101, approximately 6 miles from the Rt. 114 interchange.

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Registration Form for Beginner Field Cit
* First Name:
* Last Name:
* Email Address:
* Address 1:
Address 2:
* City:
* State: -
* ZIP Code:
Cell Phone:
* Phone:
About you and your dog * Dog's Registered Name (incl titles)
* Dog's Call Name
* Breeder
* Age
* Sex
* Level of Training

#### Come join the fun!

Start your pup off right and see how far you can go. Chances are you'll be ready for the Working Certificate or AKC Junior Hunt tests this summer.

Students will participate in all aspects of field training and learn what it takes to succeed at any level.

#### **Details**

Instructor: Karen Kase

Assistants: TBA
Duration: 8 weeks

When: Tuesday evenings, 6pm

April 6 - May 25, 2010

Where: Delaney Watershed,

Stow, MA

Cost: Members \$130.00

Non-members \$150.00

Registration Deadline: March 27, 2010

Prerequisite: basic obedience commands: Sit, Here/

Come, Heel

Class size will be limited
One dog per student or as space allows
Club members will be given preference, as will those that
have not taken the class previously.

#### It Really is Fun

The Beginners Class to Field Training is a great orientation to hunting retriever work. Plus, you'll meet encouraging, supportive people and find places to train.

Register Now Online! www.lrcgb.org

You can also mail your application to Joel Wolff NOTE: A liability waiver will be sent to all applicants.

Directions:

From Route 495, take Exit 27, Rte 117 East, for about 2 miles. Make a left onto Delaney Road for about ½ mile to the end T. Left onto Harvard Road for ¼ mile to green gate in small field on left. Left through gate, follow access road into area.

Joel Wolff LRCGB 49 Cottage Street Watertown, MA 02472 jwolff@cambridgesoft.com 617-588-9310

\* Are you a Club Member?

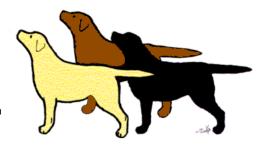
\* Accomplishments and Titles

## Theory & Problem Solving Workshop with Connie Cleveland

## 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

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



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 15, 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: Gerrie Owren, 315 Railroad Ave, Saunderstown, RI 02874 Connie Cleveland's Problem Solving Seminar: Saturday, 1/15/11 & Sunday, 1/16/11

<ul><li>LRCGB Member</li><li>Working Team (both days only) \$175</li><li>Auditor (2 days) - \$75</li><li>Auditor (1 day) - \$45</li></ul>	LRCGB Non-member Working Team (both days only) \$195 Auditor (2 days) - \$90 Auditor (1 day) - \$55				
Please print:					
Name:					
Address:					
City/State/Zip:					
Email:	Phone #(s):				
Please answer the following questions if registering for a working slot:					
Dog's Name:					
Dog's Breed:	<u> </u>				
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

U-CD ARCHX Grampian Raptor Mystique CD RE NAP NJP NFP RL3 CLT1 TDI CC CGC completed his Novice Fast Preferred agility title

at the Tartan Gordon Setter trial in Amherst NH

on 2/14/2010 a lovely valentines gift. The weekend of March 13th Merlin earned his UKC CD. Barb Burri is Merlin's owner and trainer.

**Maritime Serenading Spirit JH, WCI,CC** took a first place in the Am Bred class at LRCGB match. Owned by Julie Jussaume and Annemarie Galvin

**CH Sasco's Gibraltar, CDX, RN** "Pierre" completed his CDX at the Collie Club Trial in Portland ME on Friday March 12th. Pierre is bred, owned, and trained by Kris Maloney.

MEADOWMERE'S LEX JH,SH.MH received his Master Hunter

title 9/2009. He now has 8 passes and will be headed for the AKC National Masters this Oct. in Calif. "Lex" is out of our Meadowmere's Norwind Mia X Tameric's Jake. He is 4 yrs old-OFA Excellent, owned by David & Nancy Corkum. Breeder Margaret Mitchell.



Got Brags? email them to Robin to be included in future publications. grampianlabs@comcast.net Want them on the web?

Email Rainer Fuchs: rainer@fuchsamerica.com





# Save the Date!!

## Thursday & Friday June 17 & 18 2010

# Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston SPECIALTY

Breed, Obedience & Rally
Middlesex County 4-H Grounds Westford MA
Thursday Night Lobster/Chicken Dinner

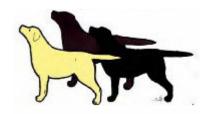
## Thursday June 17, 2010

Dogs & Intersex—June Sasaki (Davaron)
Bitches - Janet Farmilette (Mijan)
Sweepstakes—Dr. Cindy Skiba (Epoch)
Obedience—Dr. David Lee Welch
Rally— Mrs. Elizabeth Chase
Friday June 18, 2010

Dogs & Intersex—Janet Farmilette (Mijan)
Bitches - June Sasaki (Davaron)
Sweepstakes—LuAnn Curtis (Cressmoor)
Obedience—Mrs. Elizabeth Chase
Rally— Joanne Williamson

Show Chair: Lisa Kinsman—info@sunapeelabs.com Show Secretary—MB-F Inc.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



## The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston

#### 2010 Dues Notice

Annual dues for the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston are now due

Dues are \$ 20.00

The printed label on Ottertales is the most recent address on file. Please make any necessary corrections. It's important for your information to be accurate so you can get Club info. Please submit payment by March 1, 2009. Remember, you will need to participate in an activity in 2009 to remain a member in good standing and for your membership to be renewed in 2010.

Send dues payment by check payable to LRCGB to:

Maria Corrigan, Membership
The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston
204 Doyle Road
Holden, MA 01520 508-981-3052

Address:		Telephone:		
City:	State:	Zip Co	Zip Code:	
Kennel Name:				
E-Mail:				
Interests: Breeder: Con	nformation: Field	_ Obedience	Agility:_	
Lab Rescue:	Other:			
At which event or activity die	d you help the Club in 2009	:		
At which event or activity wi	ll you help the Club in 2010	)·		

#### **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.

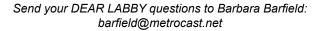
Dear Labby

I am sick and tired of mopping up after sloppy drinkers. Can you help?

Sick and Tired

#### Dear Sick and Tired

Assuming you are not the bartender at The Rusty Anchor and are talking about our favorite breed, I think I can offer some help. Dear Labby has found that using a boot tray (the deeper the better) will work nicely depending on the size of the bowl or bucket. Another possibility is a large dishpan. And our favorite is an old-fashioned barn tray that used to be found outside of every dairy barn door to rinse your boots. These are plastic and just the right height and size for a standard-size stainless steel bucket or even two. Unfortunately, they have been replaced by disposable plastic boot covers to a large extent and are now difficult to find. If you find any please contact Dear Labby as she has been mending hers with duct tape for years.







Westminster Kennel Club Best of Opposite Sex



What they were wearing to the dog show in NYC.

## Deed Not Breed!

Would you welcome these well-behaved pooches into your neighborhood?

Of Course!

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We are dedicated to the passage of reasonable, enforceable,
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Canine Ambassador "Billy D" visits schools to teach children how to be safe around dogs.



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Unfortunately, some legislators believe they can protect their communities by imposing laws that restrict or completely ban dogs based on breed alone, with little or no consideration of well-mannered canines.

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more effective alternatives.



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To find out how you can help, please contact the AKC's Canine Legislation department (doglaw@akc.org).



Support AKC efforts to stop breed-specific legislation.

www.akc.org

GDFLY3 (2/07)

If you could please volunteer to represent out club as an AKC Legislative Liason, it could be your way to perfom your working requirements! Ideally one is needed for each state represented by our club. Ask Barb Burri what is required to be the Legislative Liason for the club.

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**Brags and In Memoriam** 

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

Advertising:

Full page: \$25 Half page: \$15 Quarter page: \$10 Business Card: \$5

Camera ready art is preferable, but not required. Submit your ads on CD or email to grampianlabs@comcast.net. No floppy disks please.

Payments for all ads and litisngs should be sent to:

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Checks should be made payable to LRCGB.

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Area Lab Rescue www.labrescue.com 24 Hour Hotline number: 978-356-2982

National Lab Resuce www.thelabradorclub.com/rescue/

Change of Address?
Contact Maria Corrigan
maria@corriganphoto.com

The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston's web site is terrific and up to date.

www.lrcgb.org

Have a look!

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.

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

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



Jul 18, 2010

#### **Events Calendar**

Date	Event	Location	Opens/Closes
Mar 27, 2010	Annual Meeting	Amherst, NH Info	
Apr 6, 2010	Beginners Field Class	Stow, MA	Mar 27, 2010
Apr 24, 2010	Spring Hunt Test	Simsbury, CT	
May 9, 2010	Spring Match	Westford, MA	
May 22, 2010	Agility Trial	N Smithfield, RI	Mar 31, 2010
Jun 17, 2010	Specialty	Westford, MA	Jun 2, 2010
Jun 18, 2010	Specialty	Westford, MA	Jun 2, 2010

Jan 15 & 16, 2011 Connie Cleveland Seminar Franklin, MA Sep 15, 2010 Info

**Working Certificate** 

#### **Pet Astrology**

Hopkinton, NH

ARIES (Mar 21-Ap 20) Aries cats and dogs are born to be leaders in their territory. They try to boss the other pets in their immediate neighborhood. No other pet can dare to bully them. They cannot be easily put under leash. They call for attention. If not given adequate attention, they are likely to become rebellious, stubborn and disobedient.
 When pampered they do not hesitate to show back their gratitude. It is a little difficult to get them under your words. They are known to be territorial and defend the same with all their might.

TAURUS (Ap 20- May 20): Taurus pets are known to be lazy ones. Some snacky food and a good music shall see them to be couch potatoes. They are particularly fond of soft music. They love a luxurious life just as their adult counterparts. They tend to put on some weight with age. They are fond of gentle and warm surroundings where they can while their time away. They do not give up a fight easily. Taurus pets love the best things in life.

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