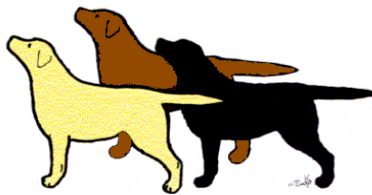


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(no floppies please)

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From the President

As we round the curve into the holiday season, think about what you can give to the LRCGB.

We're not looking for money, or fancy wrapped gifts, or something under the tree.

We don't need a scarf or a tie or a leash or a coupon for extra coffee,

But our happy members are the thing at events that we would like to see

Enough of my holiday rhyme.... We always need volunteers, to help at events, to serve on committees, to help with matches and fun events and specialties and trials. It's a great way to meet club members and what's better than hanging out with a bunch of nice people who also happen to be as passionate about Labradors as you are? If you're not sure what you could do, shoot me an email (lrcgbpres@gmail.com) or give me a call (603-397-2542) and I can share some ideas with you.

My wish for all our club members this holiday season is health and happiness, for you and your Labs. Our New Year grants us all the gift of 525,600 minutes; our dogs know how to be in the present and make each of those minutes count, we should strive to do nothing less.

Happy New Year,

Barb

Club News

Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston Minutes of Board Meeting October 13, 2010, Waggin' Tails Obedience Center, Westford, MA

Those attending:

Barb Burri, President; Pamela Shaw, Treasurer, Ruth Solomon, Recording; Beth Texeira, Corresponding Secretary; Board Members: Peggy Lands, Marilyn Meewes; Members at Large: Lisa Kinsman, Specialty Chair.

Committee Reports:

Lisa Kinsman, Specialty Chair:

Judges for the spring specialty are confirmed and will be published pending AKC approval. Discussion ensued regarding the trophies, and whether or not to replace retired trophies. Also, ideas were tossed around regarding appropriate prizes for the second day. It was generally agreed that it would be better to have consistency for placements, as opposed to a hodgepodge of donated items and that financial donations would be preferred toward the general trophy fund. There was talk, as well, about doing more for prizes on the second day.

Marilyn M. will help manage the trophies, Darcy will do ads, Scott will help coordinate judges' travel plans.

The photography of exhibitor wins continues to be problematic. A new photographer has been reserved for the 2011 show: club member Aarone Durocher. The club has also decided not to give win photos as prizes, but may continue with frames.

For this coming year we have volunteers from the Lion's Club and the landscaper that helped us last year will help again this year (with the snack shack, emptying barrels, etc) and it was agreed that acknowledgment's will be printed in this year's

Labfest September 2010 at Nan Foster's farm in Vermont



catalog.

While last year's specialty went well, it was agreed that it would be nice to find another spot for photos

and that it would be helpful to revise the schedule to minimize conflicts and avoid having puppies run from class to class.

Lastly, the idea of event specific t-shirts was discussed as another way to offset cost.

No other committee members were present or had sent reports.

Treasurer's Report: Doing ok – bottom line available for those interested – contact Pam

General comments:

These are the meetings – it is expected that the Board show up

Concern was raised about having a quorum present, and the general lack of interest. One idea is to have a meeting at each event. Frustrations were raised over having board meetings with many of us giving our time, but without a quorum present not much business can get done. Discussion ensued about what the commitment to being on the board should entail. We are published for meeting on the second Wednesday of each month, yet it doesn't happen. Does Wednesday just not work – should we find another day to set in stone (thought no other day seems to work either)? Do we need to re-evaluate our commitment to the board? Do we need to just set a schedule and set a general vicinity and be predictable?

Once again discussion followed on the waning interest in the club itself, yet events do seem to happen. Ideas for changing the member application to say "what will you do this year" instead of "how did you help the club last year?" The idea would be that the appropriate event chairs would get a list just after the annual meeting of potential workers. It is agreed that we still need to revise our by-laws and working rules and ideas were tossed around that

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 reader" link.

may be more appealing to the AKC.

First and Second Readings will be distributed via email due to lack of quorum.

New business:

General Meeting is tentatively planned for 11/10 in Boxboro. Pam offered to try to secure the venue.

Winter Fun Match will be held at Waggin Tails in Westford on Jan 30th

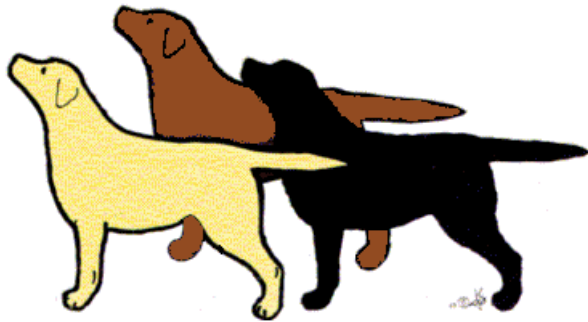
Annual Meeting will be held on March 27th Discussion about possible meeting topics: Idea of "puppy stations" was revisited and it was agreed that we could attempt this at the annual meeting, and possibly do a little something for puppies at each event – like a mini workshop/station on a single discipline

The trailer needs to be removed from the Shaw's property BEFORE snowfall. A suggestion was made to take all match/specialty equipment out of trailer and keep in storage unit near Westford 4H grounds, and possibly pay to keep the trailer there as well.

Thank you all for the all of your help and hard work at the hunt test last weekend. Without you, this great event wouldn't be possible. Many thanks to Cathy Shea for lining up workers, Eric Madsen for getting us great gunners, Steve and Karen Sullivan and Mike Franklin and Julie Jus-saumine for working and judging, Anne Marie Galvin for Anne Evan's transportation to and from the airport, Marlene Lendrim for being the emergency coordinator and helping wherever she was needed, Jeff Snyder for a fantastic tailgate, Jan Lenahan for three days of great lunches, and to all of you who I haven't mentioned who ran wingers, marshalled at the stakes,gunned, or did errands. Thanks also to Scott Shaw, who couldn't be with us this year but played a major part by making arrangements behind the scenes and for transporting the equipment trailer. I'm sure that I have forgotten someone, but please know that your help was sincerely appreciated. Thank you all.

Audie

"No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich.:-Louis Sabin



*Save the Date!!!
Thursday and Friday*

June 16 & 17, 2011

The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston

Specialty

Conformation

Guillermo Carrillo MD ~ Tequilab's

Patricia W. Block ~ Sumo Labradors

Sweeps

Thursday - Becky Jack ~ Nipntuck Labradors

Friday - Susan Patterson ~ Fenwyck Labradors

Obedience

Jeanne Charest and Susan King

Rally

Lynn DePrizio and Donna Blews-Pappas

(Pending AKC Approval)

Middlesex County 4-H Grounds, Westford, MA

Thursday Night Lobster/Chicken Dinner

Show Chair Lisa Kinsman-info@sunapeelabs.com

Looking forward to seeing you there!



FIFTH ANNUAL ALL BREED

OBEDIENCE TRIAL – March 5, 2011

RALLY TRIAL – March 6, 2011

(Unbenched – Indoors)

Member of the American Kennel Club

Show Hours: 8 AM – 5 PM

MASTERPEACE DOG TRAINING

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TRIAL SECRETARY: Pam Kimel,

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www.lrcgb.org

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LRCGB Specialty
4-H FAIRGROUNDS, WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
2 TRIALS - 2 DAYS - Labs ONLY!**

1 All Breed Trial on Friday
(Only need sponsors for Lab Only Trials)
Thursday, June 16 and Friday 17, 2011

All regular Obedience and Rally classes will offer
the same prizes for each placement.
The cost to sponsor a class is \$20.
Classes and prizes may be co-sponsored
Members can donate prizes for Non-regular classes

Regular Classes Obedience:

Novice A Open A Utility A

Novice B Open B Utility B

New Title Class - Beginner Novice + Graduate Open

Non-regular classes:

Veterans + Brace

Rally O

Novice A Advanced A Excellent A

Novice B Advanced B Excellent B

Rally O - Non-Regular - Rally Novice Pairs

Plus - Special prizes:

High in Trial, High Combined (Open B/Utility A or B)

Labs with Agility/Hunting/Tracking etc. titles per class or trial.

Class/Date/Preference Description of Trophy/Prize (non-regular only)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. Trophy fund: _____

Please make checks out to: **LRCGB**

If you have questions write or call me: *Thank you in advance for your help,*

Gerrie Owren

Obedience/Rally Trophy Chair, 2011

Email: gerrieo@verizon.net, Home phone: 401 556-8846, W - 401 874-7635

Address: 315 Railroad Ave, Saunderstown, RI 02874

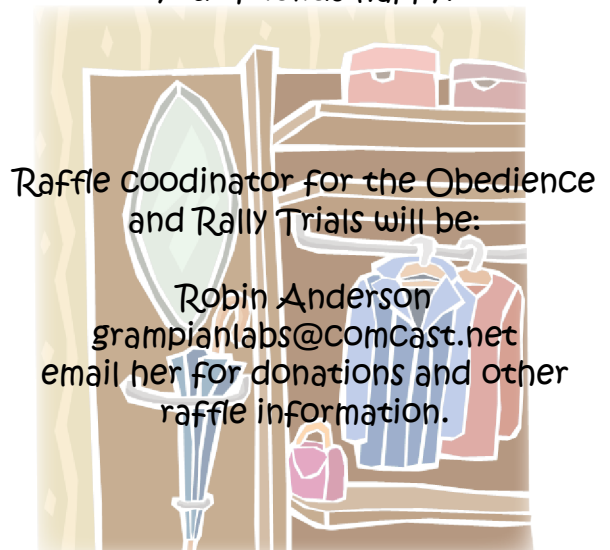
Remember the Raffles!

Save your unwanted stuff!

Clean the Closets!

Make your Spouse Happy!

**Bring your stuff to each event and make
your friends happy!**



**Raffle coordinator for the Obedience
and Rally Trials will be:**

Robin Anderson

grampianlabs@comcast.net

**email her for donations and other
raffle information.**

**The Healthy Animal in Pembroke, MA is proud to host the workshop
"Structure In Action"**

Full-Day Workshop with Pat Hastings
Sunday, January 9, 2011/ Workshop Hours: 8AM – 6PM
Location: 480 John Hancock Road, Taunton, MA 02780
– Silver City Canine Training Center –

Structure In Action is a new one-day workshop. It combines Pat Hastings' Puppy Puzzle Presentation, as well as Hastings' discussion of the value of structurally evaluating adult dogs that are being considered for a breeding program, working trials or performance competition. A veterinarian will also be present to give a perspective on how to reduce the risk of structural injuries in working and performance dogs.

Dogs will do most anything we ask of them. The question is: Do we want to ask them to do things that they are structurally incapable of doing without breaking down? Is that what we really want to do to our most steadfast companions? The more we learn about canine structure, the more we understand what is reasonable to ask of our dogs, given their physical strengths and weaknesses.

Pat Hastings

Pat is a highly-respected canine educator, author and AKC judge. She is currently a judge of the Herding, Non-Sporting, and Working Groups, as well as Junior Showmanship and Best in Show. She has articles published in a wide variety of dog magazines. Well-known for her Puppy Puzzle video, she evaluates the structural quality of over 300 litters of puppies per year.

A litter of puppies between the ages of 7 and 9 weeks will be available for the purpose of demonstrating the evaluation process.

The Workshop Will Address:
How to evaluate the structural quality of puppies.
The basics of canine structure.
The weakest links.

How to evaluate the structural quality of your adult dog.
What your dog can do and what your dog should not be doing.
A veterinarian's ideas on how to strengthen structure and reduce the risk of injury.
Questions and hands-on work for attendees concludes the day.

Workshop Fee is \$120
which includes lunch and refreshments.
Early Registration Fee is \$100.
Must register no later than December 10th, 2010 to receive discount.

Please send registration and payment to **The Healthy Animal, 808 Washington Street, Pembroke, MA 02359**. Open to 10 dogs for evaluation on a first come, first serve basis with phone call and registration. Registration is limited and closes on December 31st, 2010. For more information contact Kyle Shaffer at (781) 727-0775 or Frederica Vecchi at (617) 584-0477. E-mail us at k.shaffer@comcast.net. Check-in Time: 7:15 – 7:45 AM.

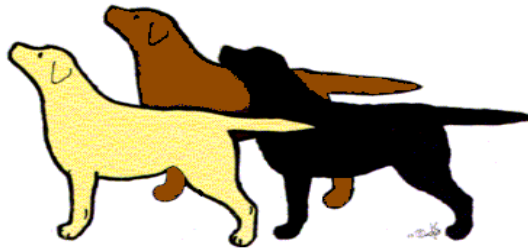
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Please make check payable to: **The Healthy Animal**.



Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston

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 students each week. Connie's 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, please visit Dog Trainers Workshop homepage at www.dogtrainersworkshop.com)

This is a working seminar to be held at MasterPeace Dog Training, 264Fisher Road, Franklin, MA 02038.. Fee includes morning coffee and pastries, lunch and refreshments. Limited working spots available, First preference will be given to LRCGB members! Seminar hours: Saturday, Jan 15, 2010- 9:00 am-5 pm - Sunday, Jan. 16, 2010, 8 am-3 pm. For more information, please contact Barb Burri lrcgbpres@gmail.com 603-397-2542

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 mailed with registration to hold your spot.



Member Accomplishments

10-10-10- **MEADOWMERE'S LEX MH** qualified for the National Masters with 13 passes. His owners David & Nancy Corkum traveled from VT to Corning, CA. They also took 4 month old Meadowmere's Gunner. The first week was training at the site, then the next was the



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Master tests. Lex passed the first 4 tests with only two handles. The last test was a quad and on the 4th and last bird he broke.

Needless to say, it was a heart break. But next year the Master National will be held in Maryland and Lex will be there.

Thanksgiving day, Thursday November 25, 2010 at the Holyoke KC shows in West Springfield Mass... **Burri's Lofty LadyHawke** finished her RE... and with all her titles AKC and other is : ARCHX Burri's Lofty LadyHawke,CD,RE,RLVX3,RL1x2,RL2x2, CGC, CC, TDIAOV, CSL1,CSL3-F. She completed her RE in 3 trials. Hawke is CH Willcare's Master of the Hunt CD, JX x MacDonald's Majestic Madison, and now officially retired from AKC rally... Owned, Trained and Loved by Barb Burri.



Birchangreen's Rising Tide MH, co-owned by Nona King and Tara Yohan qualified at the 2010 Master National in Corning, CA this Fall and has already qualified to run in the 2011 Master National in Maryland next year. Tide also placed 2nd (for the second year in a row) at the Colonial Retrievers Club's O/H Qualifying Stake.

Pleasant Pine's Hidden Treasure, JH, WCI, aka "Jade" has had quite

the summer..... She Qualified at the LRCGB's Working Certificate earning both her WC and her WCI. Then she went on to Qualify in 4/4 Junior Hunt Tests and..... three weeks after finishing her Junior Hunter Title went on to Qualify in her first Senior Hunting Test. Jade is owned, handled, trained and loved by Karen Kennedy (and Dick, although he is not allow to touch her)



Pleasant Pine's A Bit of Mischief, CDX, SH, WCX, Can WC, CC, CGC, aka "Mattie" handled, trained, owned and loved by Dick Kennedy, (and Karen too) earned a Master leg at the LRCGB Fall Hunt Test. This is leg number 3. Two more to go.

Got Brags? email them to Robin to be included in future publications. grampianlabs@comcast.net Want them on the web? Email Rainer Fuchs: rainer@fuchsameric.com

Wilmark's Jus 1 Mor at Pleasant Pine, SH, RA, WCX, CC, CGC, aka "Morgan" finished his Rally Advance Title at the LRCGB Specialty in June. Morgan earned all his legs with placements and with a 1st place a the Specialty. Morgan is trained and handled in Obedience by Karen Kennedy and trained in the field by Dick.



I just wanted to send out a quick note and picture and let everyone know that Thorn and I got our UD yesterday at the Wampanogque Kennel Club show in Tauton with a very nice score and a first place win. Thorn is my first dog to achieve



the title of Utility Dog. I know that not every dog can achieve a UD title, but I knew fairly early on that if any of my dogs could do it, he could. And he has really worked hard with me all the way. Showing him in Utility has been quite the learning experience for both of us - one that no one can really prepare you for until you've experience

it yourself. Thanks to everyone who has been so supportive to both me and Thorn on our way to this title! I couldn't have done it without you guys either! So, lots of celebrating this week, okay????? Cake and Champagne anyone???

Penny and Thorn (aka Mythago's Green Hawthorn UD, RE, JH, CC, WCI, ThDX, CGC)

AKC/UKC Ch Viking Hil'Die Tanzbarin, RN, SH, WCX, CGC is two legs closer to becoming a Master Hunter. Bred and trained by Gerrie Owren, owned and loved by both Gerrie and Robin Anderson, Hildi will become one of three yellow female Labradors to achieve the honor of holding both an AKC Breed Championship and a Master Hunter title. (Am/Can Ch Aquarius Centercourt delight, JH, WC x Viking Zinka Dew, JH, CD, RN, WCI, CGC, CC)



Grampian Bedizened Viking, RN, SH, WCX, CGC, CC earned one leg towards becoming a Master Hunter. Trained by Gerrie Owren, bred by Robin Anderson, Dazzle is only one win shy of a UKC Breed Championship. (Ch Hollyhills Delby's Samuel Adams x Ch Snowden Hill Mango Crazy, JH, RA, WC, CGC)



Tales of a Therapy Dog by Barb Burri

Typically you can be sure that nothing good is happening when you start a therapy dog visit by letting the ambulance and fire truck leave the parking lot before you head in to visit at the assisted living. I am still not sure what happened but boy did they need Kestrel, both the staff and residents. She got so much patting, and praise, and hugs. We visited all the folks in the lobby queuing up for lunch (highpoint of their day I suspect, the lineup starts around 10:45 for an 11:30 lunch).

Then we headed down to the Harbor unit, for the memory impaired folks. Kestrel dragged me right over to one of her new friends, the man a few weeks ago I thought was asleep and wasn't going to pester him, but Kestrel insisted in her Kestrel way, and just stood in front of him beaming lab love until he opened his eyes and started patting her. Now every visit we go find Bill and he talks to her, and the staff is really happy to see him interacting. And we made another new friend today, Reg. He's an older man, seems as though he was very prim and proper at some point in his life, and he's lost most of his vision. I never know exactly what individual conditions are, but I suspect stroke recovery.

Anyway, Reg is always very quiet, and I pretty much have to force the dog on him to the delight of his family and/or visitors, just to get a dog near enough for him to touch. Today, breakthrough, Kestrel pushed up to his chair, and managed to maneuver between the footrests and the wheels so he could get a hand on her back. He patted her a bit, and she gave him a kiss on the hand, then wiggled and waggled and wagged and was her happy self. We had a few minutes visiting, then the staff person said we were going, Kes and I were headed out the door, and he said "Bye" and raised his hand to wave bye-bye, the folding hand way kids do. The staff member turned to me and gave Kestrel a big pat. Apparently this was a HUGE breakthrough for him. Kestrel just knows..

Descriptive Essay of Club Member Sue Hemmingway, Zach's Grandmother.

I walked inside after bidding mom farewell and called "Grandma!" She walked out of her bedroom and asked me if I was ready to go. I replied "yes."

"Well let's go then," she said. We grabbed the dogs and got into her car. We were off!

Everybody has a special person in their life who they admire. The person I admire is my grandmother. She is a relatively tall woman who has brown hair which is cropped above her head evenly. She slouches a bit and wears dog-themed Life Is Good t-shirts which displays her happy and positive attitude towards life. She wears loose fitting cargo pants which usually have dog biscuits in the pockets. She laughs a lot and tells a lot of stories. Often we end up laughing so hard we start crying. She likes to hike and go to dog events with her dogs. The smells that one would connect to a dog follow her where ever she goes. This scent is a mixture of dog treats, fur and earthy goodness, which I find comforting.

My grandmother is a dog person. She has three Labrador retrievers, two yellow ones named Zephyr and Guzzle also one black named Meg. She takes them with her to as many places as possible. She trains her dogs and enters them in dog shows or competitions. She likes taking me and my brothers places too, like museums and historical places most of which are Native American related. For our birthdays she takes us to wherever we want and buys us something that we want. When we go places with her she tells us stories about when we were little kids or about when she was younger which always make me laugh.

I've had many great times with my grandmother but there is one time that stands out the most to me. I skipped school that day and ended up having a great time. It was about two years ago at fall time in a summer camp at a lab's only dog show. When we got there I looked around at the camp. There were many wooden buildings there some of which were painted green and were log cabin style.

When I got out of the car I noticed that it was very cold. I looked where I heard voices and then I saw them, Labs! There were more labs than I had ever seen packed into this relatively small camp. My grandmother had brought all of her dogs. We walked around and found my grandmother's friend Karen. She was wearing a blue shirt with a green fleece vest. She had a dress on underneath her clothes. She had brought six of her twelve dogs, two of which were puppies. There were two black labs and four yellow labs. I helped both of them get and put back dogs, get food, and do some other errands for them, but it was fun anyway. When the dog show was on break my grandmother and I went inside a building which had clothes for sale. We went inside and saw there was a raffle. My grandmother bought me 20 tickets and I poked around looking at the raffle items. I ended up entering for three different prizes. We left and finished the show. Then we came back and looked if I had won anything. I looked and saw that I had won a portable dog dish with a chew toy and a really nice leather leash. I took it excitedly and we left. I had a great day.



My grandmother has taught me to be kind to people. She has also taught me to live life happily. She has taught me to be kind to animals too. When training animals you have to be kind to them. When they do something good you reward them with biscuits and saying encouraging words.. It's the same with people. If you want them to like you have to be kind to them. When people do something well or for you, you reward them with money or a thank you. I also learned all this from grandma which is great. I have learned so much from my

grandmother and value the time I've spent with her.

Zachary Traverso
October 3, 2010

DEAR LABBY

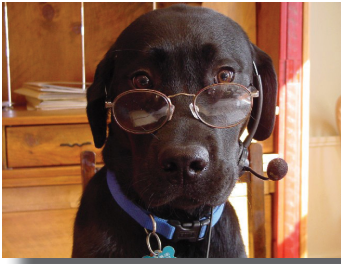


Photo courtesy of Abner Barlow

“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.

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, Santa Claus is coming to town but my family and I are thinking of changing our address. We always have a tree with family ornaments and presents but this year we are thinking of visiting relatives instead of staying home. The problem is



our Lab, Buster, who insists on removing the ornaments from our tree and opening the packages. I feel like Scrooge but we're considering going away for the holidays and leaving Buster with friends who don't really know him. Any suggestions?

READY TO CALL THE TRAVEL AGENT

Dear Ready: Put down that phone! Dear Labby may be able to help you having been through this herself. We tried a table tree with paper ornaments.

This worked but it didn't do much for our holiday spirit. Our dog wasn't the only one who wasn't interested in it. Then we tried decorating just the top half of the tree. This only convinced the neighbors that dog people really are different and confirmed the fact that our Labs are really good jumpers. However, we finally came up with a compromise that everyone could live with.

We put an exercise pen around the Christmas tree. The pen was decorated to blend with the tree and the tree was on a raised stand. We also used a baby gate in the doorway when no one was in the room to supervise. And, it goes without saying, that when we were not home, the door to the room was closed. If you don't have an area which can be closed off, then you can put Buster in a crate with toys. He will be fine.

Dear Labby would also like to remind you that tinsel, broken glass ornaments, fir trees, and probably everything else you decorate with for the holidays are not digestible and potentially harmful to your dog especially if swallowed.

Labrador Rescue

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 is exploring ways to increase the number of senior Labs we are able to take into our program for re-homing. Adopters are typically reluctant to adopt an older Lab, so those we take in often stay in our foster care for a long time; unfortunately, most are refused because of our inability to place them. To be able to accept more of these special dogs, our effort requires finding additional foster homes, increasing fund-raising to cover costs for caring for the seniors while in our care, and educating the public about what wonderful companions senior Labs can be. If any member of LRCGB is interested in serving on a committee to help the senior Labs, please leave a message on our hotline 9787-356-2982.

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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The Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac, Inc.

36th Annual Spring Specialty Show
4 Obedience and 4 Rally Trials
April 12th thru 15th

Holiday Inn Conference Center at Francis Scott Key Mall
Frederick, Maryland 21703

This Show is dedicated to Margie Cairns Blaircourt

**Join us for the world's largest gathering of the finest
Labrador Retrievers and their breeders!**

Mrs. Clare Senfield - Allegheny

Best of Breed & all non-regulars
(except Stud Dog, Brood Bitch & Generations)

Mrs. Linda Porter - Lindall

Regular Class Bitches

Ms. Gunilla Ek - Attikonak

Regular Class Dogs and Stud Dog, Brood Bitch & Generations

Dr. Christine Kofron - Valleywood

Sweepstake Bitches & Veteran Sweepstakes, Best in Sweeps & BOS in Veteran Sweeps

Mr. Dan Clark - Everwood

Sweepstakes Dogs & Veteran Sweepstakes, BOS in Sweeps & Best in Veteran Sweeps

Mrs. Catherine DiGiacomo

Junior Showmanship

Mr. Anthony (Tony) Cherubini

All Obedience and Rally classes, April 12th and April 13th

Mrs. Suzanne Hemminger

All Obedience and Rally classes, April 14th and April 15th

Judging to start at 8:00 am April 12th

Show Superintendent MB-F, Inc. www.infodog.com

Closing date March 30th, 2011

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LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB OF THE PIONEER VALLEY SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2011

B-OB BREED SPECIALTY MATCH WITH OBEDIENCE FOR ALL BREEDS

SANCTIONED BY THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

(WINS CARRY NO AKC POINTS AND SCORES DO NOT COUNT TOWARD ANY OBEDIENCE TITLE)

INDOORS AT "EXERCISE FINISHED" CHICOPEE, MA

35 N CHICOPEE ST, CHICOPEE, MA 01020, 413-533-0049

**** Limited Obedience Classes – Pre Entry Requested – Please see Entry Form Attached ****

ENTRIES OPEN: CONFORMATION and OBEDIENCE: 8:00 A.M.

ENTRIES CLOSE: All entries Close 15 minutes prior to start of judging

ENTRY FEES: Pre-Entry Obedience: \$9.00 per dog, 2nd entry of same dog: \$5.00 per dog. All Conformation & Same day Entries in Obedience: \$10.00 per dog, 2nd entry \$6.00 per dog including Sweeps

JUDGING STARTS Obedience: 9:00 Conformation: 10:00 (puppy sweepstakes)

JUDGES:

Obedience: Open A & B and Utility A & B – Dawn Burke

Novice A & B, Graduate Novice, and Open overflow – Kristen Hurwitz

Conformation: Puppy Sweepstakes: Sally Leary, Tallmadge Labs

Regular Classes: Beth Volle, Riverdance Labradors

HANDLING CLASS: There will be a FREE half-hour breed handling class at 9:00 a.m.

Bring chairs - Limited crating space - NO Ex-Pens - Free parking & Admission

OBEDIENCE – PREENTRY

Judi Dorsett, 4 Brittany Road, South Hadley MA 01075 judedors@aol.com

Obedience entries will be limited to 25 per class. Pre-registration is the only way to assure your entry!

There may be only 1 first entry and 1 repeat entry for a given dog per class. All repeat entries must be non-competitive. Title-Holders must be competitive only in the next highest class.

CLASSES OFFERED

Obedience: Utility A & B, Open A & B, Novice A & B, Graduate Novice

Puppy Sweeps: 3-6 mos., 6-9 mos., 9-12 mos., 12-15 mos., 15-18 mos.

Regular Conformation: 3-6 mos., 6-9 mos., 9-12 mos., 12-18 mos., Novice, American- Bred, Bred by Exhibitor, Open, Veterans

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

OBEDIENCE: Dogs must be at least 6 months of age; no bitches in season! No bait allowed in rings.

CONFORMATION: All breed classes divided by sex except for Best of Breed. No dogs with Majors.

Professional Handlers may show their own dogs only. **Puppies entered in Sweeps MUST also enter Breed.**

DIRECTIONS TO EXERCISE FINISHED, CHICOPEE, MA

From the South: I-91 north to I-391 to Exit 4. Turn left off the ramp. See below "I-391 Continued."

From the North: I-91 south to Exit 16 (Route 202), turn left off the ramp. Turn right at the fifth set of lights (ball field on right corner), this road turns into I-391. Proceed on I-391 to Exit 4B, turn right off of ramp. See below "I-391 Continued."

I-391 Continued: Proceed down the hill, following signs for 141 West. Turn right at the bottom of the hill. Proceed straight through the next 3 sets of lights. At the fourth set of lights (next to Sunoco Mini Mart and 1.3 miles from where you exited I-391), turn right and go underneath a railroad trestle. At the next set of lights (Unique Motors on the left corner) turn left, and make an immediate left into the driveway located directly behind Unique Motors. Follow driveway straight back to the tall brick building.

From the Mass. Pike (I-90): Exit 5, bear left on the ramp after the toll booth, and turn right at the end of the ramp. Proceed straight through the first set of lights. At the second set of lights, Unique Motors is on the opposite left corner, go straight through the intersection, take the first left into the driveway located directly behind Unique Motors. Exercise Finished is in the tall brick building that is set back off the road.

FMI: call match chair Tina Stone at (860)836-0105 or email chritinestone@comcast.net



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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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www.lrcgb.org
Have a look!

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Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Opens/Closes
Jan 15 & 16, 2011	Connie Cleveland Seminar	Franklin, MA	Sep 15, 2010
Jan 30, 2011	Fun Match	Westford, MA	
Mar 5, 2011	Obedience Trial	Franklin, MA	Feb 16, 2011
Mar 6, 2011	Rally Trial	Franklin, MA	
Mar 27, 2011	Annual Meeting	Boxboro, MA	
Apr 22 - 24, 2011	Spring Hunt Test	TBD	

Pet Astrology

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Sagittarius pets are full of boundless energy and with strong nerves. They are fun-loving creatures. Sagittarius pets are very good to keep at young age. As they grow up they become temperate. They are also the most accident-prone members of the zodiac. They easily get into troubles because of their clumsy nature. They love to be loved and give back the same to their owner. Sagittarius pets are cowards and mostly run out of any serious fight. They like adventure.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Capricorn pets are found to be wiser when compared to the other pets of their age. They are also known for their proper behavior and keep the house in order. Capricorn cats love to sleep endlessly. They put on weight as they have a bent on food. Capricorns are stubborn and hate to be disturbed from their place. They are said to be self-centered but hate to be alone. They give a good company for kids in playing.



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