

The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston

Otter



Tales

Summer/ Fall 2014

Inside this issue:

Presidents Message	2
Canine Parvovirus: What You Need to Know.	3
Club Updates	4-5
Spring Specialty Wins	6
Wags and Brags	7-9
Otter Tales info and Updates	10

LRCGB Officers and Board of Directors

President

Ruth Solomon, DVM
Enfield, CT
sealcovelabradors@gmail.com

Vice President

Pamela Nolin-Shaw
Oxford, MA
stella513@aol.com

Treasurer

Gail Conway
Newburyport, MA
labrsq@yahoo.com

Recording Secretary

Lisa Kinsman
Ayer, MA
lkinsman@northbridgeins.com

Corresponding Secretary

Susan Patterson
Salem, MA
fenwycklabradors@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor

Aarone Durocher
Portland, ME
aduroche@maine.rr.com

Board Members

Cassi Belli
Shirley Cardello
Nancie Freitas
Marilyn Meewes
Milly Secco
Jenn Quinn
Nancy Laser-Wolston
Scott Shaw DVM

From the Editor

Hello fellow LRCGB members. My name is Aarone Durocher and I am the new editor for Otter Tales. I have some very big shoes to fill, as Robin leaves a tough act to follow. Thank you Robin, for the pearls and advice you happily give.

For those members who don't know me, let me take a moment to introduce myself. I am relatively new to the world of Labradors. I took the plunge in 1999 when I added a wonderful chocolate Labrador to my life named Maggie. As a result of not really knowing what to do with an exuberant Labrador puppy, Maggie helped me find some wonderful resources which lead to some amazing friendships with many of our current members. From these friendships, and the addition of our sweet girl Maya in 2007, brought even more opportunities to dip my feet into the Labrador world. I have been competing in conformation, had an introduction to the obedience ring, hunt tests, and also hired to provide photography services for both the LRCGB Specialties, and the LRCP Bare Bones Specialties. Outside of Labradors, I work as an Orthopaedic Technologist at a large Orthopaedic practice in Portland, ME. I am married to David and we live with Maya our black Labrador, and will soon welcome our "Junior Handler" in December.

I am honored and excited to serve this wonderful club as your editor of Otter Tales.

Thank you,

Aarone Durocher

Events are listed on the club website at www.lrcgb.org

President's Message

Greetings!

"You've got to have heart..." to borrow from *The Damn Yankees*. With each and every event I am constantly reminded of how much dedication and talent our members bring to the table. We have great events and our membership should be proud. That said, it is often the same individuals, event after event, who step up to the plate, and carry the weight for the rest of us. I'd like to see this change.

As with any club, so much happens behind the scenes, with a core group of members who work tirelessly to see that our events are successful. Sometimes that can be deceiving, because it makes holding our events look easy. But, it's not. Truth be told, we struggle, and we need your help. There is no question that life gets busy and there is little time left for hobbies and dog clubs. However, the reality is, the success of LRCGB truly takes a village. Our club goes from event to event, but what keeps us strong is the community we've created. The grim reality is that the world of purebred dogs is being threatened, and many dog clubs are finding it extremely difficult to survive. Venues for field events and dog shows are fewer and farther between, clubs are disappearing at an alarming rate and most of us are so busy in our own lives that we have to put a limit on which activities with which we can participate. We go from event to event, when we can, and sometimes forgo the educational events, or opportunities like meetings where we can just talk dogs. The hard part is that it's the meetings, and opportunity to "talk dogs" where we openly exchange ideas and develop that sense of community. This is a hobby, a craft, that thrives on the exchange of ideas, and the grit of members to constantly challenge themselves to improve on skills and embrace new ideas.

As a club, we are trying harder than ever to keep our community alive. Just take a look at this edition of Otter Tales: It takes a village. Participation at general meetings has been declining for a while. We understand it's hard to find time during the week to come to a meeting, and on the weekend most of us are busy, for sure. We are working hard to plan general meetings, but it's hard to figure out when to have them: We're so busy on weekends, and who wants to come out on a weekday evening? Then, when meetings are poorly attended, it becomes difficult to find the motivation to hold them. This is a major conundrum that the Board faces. So, please contribute. I challenge each of you to buddy up with someone you've sponsored to join our club, and attend the meeting together. We have no shortage of projects ;-)

Canine Parvovirus: What You Need to Know

Scott P Shaw, DVM, DACVECC

A recent outbreak of canine parvovirus in southern New England has caused a lot of concern. The purpose of the article is to provide guidance for breeders when questions regarding parvovirus arise. The first thing you need to know is that parvovirus infection is almost 100% preventable. The recent outbreak occurred in dogs that had never been vaccinated and as a result had no immunity. I know there are people out there that do not believe in vaccination, but stories such as this stand to remind all of us how important it is to vaccinate our pets.

Canine parvovirus first appeared in the 1970s when a feline parvovirus mutated and became capable of infecting dogs. Since there was no vaccine available and little was understood about how to treat the infection mortality rates approached 100% in some kennels.

Parvovirus is spread through feces and can persist in the environment for extended periods of time (months or longer). Once infected clinical signs typically develop in 3-7 days, but it can take up to 14 days in some cases. Parvovirus infects the rapidly growing cells located in the bone marrow and gastrointestinal tract. This results in the clinical signs we typically see which include fever, severe vomiting and diarrhea, and an extremely low white blood cell count. Death can occur from severe dehydration or the development of secondary infections. Importantly, dogs remain contagious for several weeks after the signs resolve.

The good news is that there are vaccines that are highly effective at preventing canine parvovirus infection. Infection in vaccinated individuals is exceedingly rare. If an appropriately vaccinated dog is infected to majority of vaccine manufacturers will cover some or all of cost of treatment. You should follow you vet's recommendations in terms of vaccine timing since it will vary slightly depending upon the manufacturer of the vaccine he/she uses. In general, puppies are vaccinated at 6-8 weeks of age and then again every 3-4 weeks until 16 weeks. All dogs should receive a booster at a year of age. Most vets recommend a booster every three years after that.

I do make some specific recommendations for breeding bitches. I recommend they receive a booster 1 month before being bred. This will ensure that the maximum amount antibody is passed to the pups in the colostrum. That being said, I recommend additional precautions when young pups are in the house. This is particularly important if you are a veterinary professional or work in a shelter. I always change my clothes and shoes when I get home from work before I enter the area of our home where the pups are housed. This will hopefully prevent me from bringing anything home from work that could hurt our young litter.

Parvovirus is resistant to most household cleaners and disinfectants. A 1:30 dilution of bleach left in place for 10 minutes prior to rinsing it away will kill the virus. There are also commercially available disinfectants available to veterinarians that kill the virus.

The combination of vaccination and good hygiene should keep you bitches and their puppies parvo free.

Updates

July 20, 2014 from your WC/WCI/WCX Test Secretary

Robin Anderson

For a change the weather was very easy for the dogs and handlers to enjoy as we all gathered at the Hopkinton Dam in New Hampshire. After a whole year of planning, the judges, committee members, gunners and lunch ladies descended onto the property like gypsies with bags and bundles to set up for a fun day with our Labrador Retrievers. We had a total of 46 entries, many running in two different stakes.

Nancy Freitas and Gerrie Owren, Test Chairs, had the trailer and equipment unloaded in short order. They lined up the helpers for each judge and the tests were on!

While most people were running back and forth from one stake to the other, lunches were made and bagged up because everyone gets hungry. The food was great and filling! Thank you Gayle Abrams and Debbie Conroy!

The WC judge came all the way from Long Island to meet everyone and put on a great test. Michelle McGroaty (McChips Retrievers) set up a very fair test for lots of young dogs. Most passed on land and moved to water, which was at times very entertaining to watch. Hearts raced, dogs swam, and most of the time ducks were retrieved.

Susan Brownell (Bittersweet Labradors) came from the Albany NY area. John McDermott, long-time friend and training & hunting companion of Grampian Labradors, came from Cranston RI to co-judge the WCI/WCX test. Never having met before, the two judges 'clicked' and will be fast friends forever. They worked efficiently, made the test fair, and the participants enjoyed their day out with their dogs under these two able judges.

New this year at our test was the offering of the LRC, Inc. Conformation Certificate Evaluation. This fun and relaxed conformation evaluation was arranged by LRC, Inc. Conformation Certificate Program Coordinator and LRCGB Club Member Nancy Brandow. Fifteen dogs were presented to three different breed judges and scored on a scale which included temperament, coat, overall structure, and movement. All 15 dogs were awarded their certificate, much to the delight of their owners as well as the judges. Everyone enjoyed judges fussing over their dogs and offering their opinions, and we all learned something new! Nancy Brandow would love to offer the Evaluation again at the LRCGB September Hunt Test.

All the tests finished by 4pm. Clean up and packing was quick with all the help. Rosettes and certificates were awarded by the committee and judges. There was lots of applause for everyone participating. Gerrie Owren threw new training bumpers for the new handlers to catch as an extra bonus. One bumper was thrown to Cynthia Abbott for handling the most dogs at the tests. Nan Foster jumped up fast and caught a 'blind' bumper.

Thank you to all the participants, helpers, gunners, bird throwers, fetchers and carriers, marshals, and anyone else who lent a helping hand. With the help of every person on site, the testing was smooth and uninterrupted. People were happy all day, many learned new 'tricks' and the work got done.

If you passed the Working Certificate Test and want to get an engraved LRC, Inc certificate that you might want to frame, be sure to send in your application form, signed by Michelle McGroaty. If you get one of these certificates your dog will be listed in the LRC, Inc. 2014 Yearbook.

If you passed any of the stakes and want a LRCGB commemorative duck band to go on your lanyard, please contact Shirley Cardillo. acardello22@comcast.net. She will mail one for each pass your dog earned that day.

We were all out of the property by 5pm and the gates were locked tight until next year. See you in September at the Fall Hunt Tests!

Updates

Lab Rescue Update - By Barb Burri

Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc can always use some help. We typically need fosters, sometimes help transporting dogs from homes to fosters. Occasionally we need a volunteer to assess a lab. At www.labrescue.com there is a link under Help LRR to become a foster, just complete the online foster application. There is also a section on volunteering and ways that people can help, and of course an email link to contact Lab Rescue to volunteer. This summer Lab Rescue took a hiatus from accepting surrenders from June 15th to September 1st because we are so short handed. During that time period, we did take in a few dogs anyway, and have one senior girl looking for a home. The labs we can take in from surrender is limited by the availability of fosters, so if you think you might be interested, please make an application! If you are looking to rescue a lab, perhaps give an older gal or fellow a soft landing, please fill out an adoption form at www.labrescue.com. Thanks! Lab Rescue can be reached at: labrescue1988@gmail.com or the hot line 978-356-2982

Looking for Volunteers for the LRCGB Fall Hunt!!

Hi Everyone, The LRCGB Fall Hunt test will be held on Sat and Sun, Sept 20 and 21, 2014. We are holding 2 Master stakes on Sat and Sun, and a Junior Hunter test on Sun. We still need volunteers to work one or both days. Its a great way to see our retrievers doing the work for which they were bred. You can work if you are entered in the test, we will make sure that you have plenty of time to take care of your dog and get ready to run. We'll even provide lunch! If you would like to volunteer, please contact me via email at bansheecd@yahoo.com or call 781-271-1278.

Thanks!

Cathy Shea

Chief Marshal

Show Committee

The club is forming a Show Committee (not a Specialty Committee) to help with the show calendar / supported entries / matches and whatever detail is associated with keeping us up to date with the planning process. We would like to provide time for members to respond to our needs in carrying out these events and also allow enough time for members to save the dates for their own participation..

We would love to hear from you.

Please contact : Marilyn Meewes, Show Committee Chair @ wandavp@aol.com or call 508-697-6064

We are looking of an Obedience Chair for the Winter Obedience Trial

Are you interested???

Please contact Ruth Solomon (sealcovelabradors@gmail.com) or Jen Quinn (sealcovelabradors@gmail.com)



LRCGB Spring Specialty 2014 Winners



**Best In Specialty Show June 12th &13th
GHC Dogwood Cool MKT Run**

**Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes June 12th & 13th
Open B, Lakebounds Fresca The Magic Elf UDX JH MX MXJ MJB**

**Highest Combined Score in OB and UA/UB June 12th & 13th
Open B, Lakebounds Fresca The Magic Elf UDX JH MX MXJ MJB**

June 12th, 2014

Best of Opposite in Specialty Show

CH Shorewind's Perfect Storm

Winners's Dog

Noelany The Moonstone

Winner's Bitch

Time Square Logistics

Select Bitch

GCH Aquarius Immabe The Flyest Chick

Select Dog

GCH Majestyx Clyde at Allegheny

Best Puppy

Startops Legendary

June 13th, 2014

Best of Opposite in Specialty Show

CH Woodloch's Heavy Artillery

Winner's Dog

Time Square Spencer for Hire

Winner's Bitch

Erinhill's Good Grief

Select Bitch

CH Brook and Ridge Isabella

Select Dog

CH Shorewind's Perfect Storm

Congratulations to all the winners!!!

Wags and Brags

Congratulations to all our member on your placements, wins, legs, and new titles!



Johanne Ferguson is proud to announce that Bear: **CH Seawind's Fergmar Edubard WCX CDX UD MH.** Has now his CDX. Bear went 3/3 last October with 198 1/2 average for his CD and went 3/3 last May with average of 195 for his CDX.



At The Labrador Retriever Club Of Greater Boston Specialty ~

ATLANTIC'S GUNNING THE GRAND PASSAGE AT TELLURIDE. "Tymber" Got Two Placements in Rally Novice B.. 97..93. under Judge Mrs. Danette M. Chorney..

The Capone Family is VERY Proud of Our 6 Month old Boy!!



Jen Quinn's Bodhi earned his Novice Jumpers Title this spring. He is now **Bodhi Quinn UD, RA, JH, NAP, NJP, CGC**



Wade Remington CD RA CGC TDI

Best Of Opposite Veteran Sweeps at Labrador Retriever Club Of Greater Boston under Judge Jim Russell (Hyspire Labradors) Expertly Handled By Leah Franzen



Atlantic's Gunning The Grand Passage At Telluride RN

Tymbers's New RN Title Picture under AKC Judge Lynda Moore



Wachusett Kennel Club, Inc. - Sunday 08/17/2014 "TYMBER"

ATLANTIC'S GUNNING THE GRAND PASSAGE AT TELLURIDE RN

First Novice Obedience LEG 189.5 Third Place

AKC Judge: Ms. Elizabeth Chase

Kestrel- **Burri's Celestial Kestrel** earned her PCD at the LRCGB Specialty, owned trained and loved by Barb Burri She also earned her RATO Barn Hunt Open title on 8/16 and her ARCHMX 5 an WCRL rally title.

Grampian Raptor Mystique, Merlin earned 2 UKC titles his ALCH (altered Champion) and his UKC level 3 rally URO3

owned trained and loved by Barb Burri

More Wags and Brags



U-Ch Grampian Ethel Mermaid became a UKC Champion during the month of June, finishing with a Gun Dog Group III. Guppy is bred, owned, trained and handled by Robin Anderson and Gerrie Owren (Ch Bigi's Lord Triston CD BN JH CGC WC x Grampian Lime Booful RN WC CGC)



Grampian Viking Sophia O'Wren WC earned her Working Certificate at the July LRCGB test under Judge Michelle McGroaty. Wren is bred, trained and handled by Gerrie Owren and Robin Anderson (CH Danbridge Indiana Jones WC x Bronze GrCh/U-Ch Viking Hil'Die Tanzbarin CD RA MH WCX).



Grampian At The Circus CC was awarded a Conformation Certificate on July 21, 2014 by judges Nancy Brandow (Cedarwood Kennels) and Susan Brownell (Bittersweet Labradors). Lydia is bred, trained and handled by Robin Anderson Gerrie Owren. (Ch Danbridge Indiana Jones WC x Grampian Just Call Me ChaCha WC CC. ChaCha is AKC & UKC Major Pointed).

Grampian VooDoo Doll WC earned her Working Certificate at the July LRCGB test under Judge Michelle McGroaty. Newt is bred, trained and handled by Gerrie Owren and Robin Anderson (SR Snowden Hill Justa Fairview Illusion JH x Grampian Liddle Ptychozoon JH WC CC)

Aspen got both her Working Certificate (WC) and her Conformation Certificate (CC) yesterday at the LRCGB event. We've been working up to this since April, taking field classes with the Yankee Golden Retriever Club and practicing when we could on the weekends.

So, my Baby Girl is now officially:

Grampian Viking's Aspen X-Treme! CD, RN, WC, CC, CGC

Owned by Penny Shultz

From Margaret Mitchell

My 4 month old puppies out of GCH CH Tampa Bay & Snobo Gusty Seas Batten Down The Hatch "Hatch" X Can. Ch Taylor Farm's Mad About You WC (A Chummy daughter), went to the Atlantic LRC Specialty 8/17/14 and won the Baby Class.



More Wags and Brags

Emmy & Katie show their stuff!



The 2013 year was very productive for the girls at ToryHill. Both girls enjoyed many days of training both indoors and out. **Danbridge Kathryn's Emmy Award UD, RE, CGC, CC** received her Utility Dog title at Silver City Dog Training Center in September. This ended a nice run with 2 first place legs and 1 second place. Not bad for a ten year old lady with a continuously wagging tail!



Shoreline Cedarwood Kathryn WC, RN, CGC, CC completed her Rally Novice title at the LRCGB Specialty in June exhibiting her ability to focus on the job at hand regardless of distractions. She followed this in October at the PRLRC Field Event where she zealously retrieved ducks to pass for her Working Certificate. Her joyous energy is outstanding. Both are owned & trained by Shirley Cardello who gives many thanks to Steppin'Up Dog Training Center & Barrel Select Chesapeake for this success. What will they do in 2014??

GCH. Danbridge Henry J (Hank) was Best Veteran and Best Veterans Sweeps both days with a Jam on Friday under judge Shari Kirschner and Select Dog Saturday under judge Steven Kirschner. The sweeps judges were Karen Helmers and Liz Martin

Congrats to Hank and Pearl's daughter **Danbridge Mustang Sally** for going Best In Sweeps on Saturday under Liz Martin.

Congrats to Sherri Mattheis and her new Champion - **Ch. Cedarmarsh's Puttin' On The Ritz** who was sired by our boy Hank.

CH Seawind's Fergmar Edubard WCX, UD, MH. Bear got his UD title on Labor Day weekend at the Merrimack Valley Kennel Club Inc. Obedience trial. He went 3/3 from his CD to UD in less than a year. Bear and I would like to thank American K9 Country and our trainers Celeste Meade, Alison Jaskiewicz and Lynn Mayo, for their invaluable help making this dream come true. Now on to UDX and OTCH.

Bear is owned, loved and trained by John and Johanne Ferguson.



Upcoming Events

September 20-21st—LRCGB Fall Hunt Test

Master and Junior Stakes— Closes Sept 8th

Check out www.entryexpress.com for more details.

Fall Meeting

TBD

Contacts

Webmaster— Ranier Fuchs

webmaster@lrcgb.org

Puppy/ Breeder Referral Coordinator— Barb Burri

bburri@comcast.net -603-378-0098

(Send your litter announcements to Barb)

Labrador Rescue Information

Area Lab Rescue

www.labrescue.com

24 Hour Hotline number: 978-356-2982

National Lab Resuce

www.thelabradorclub.com/rescue/

Publication Information

The next issue of Otter Tales will be out in January

Please send your submissions no later than **Nov 30**.

Please send submissions to aduroche@maine.rr.com

Braggs and In Memoriam spots are free to our members.

Please include the name of the dog, owner, breeder, and other pertinent information with an optional high resolution photograph.

Would you like to advertise in Otter Tales? Here's How!

Full page ad- \$25

Half page ad-\$15

Quarter page- \$10

Business card-\$5

Digital art is preferable, but not required. Submit your ads via email to Aarone Durocher at aduroche@maine.rr.com or you can send hard copies on CD to the address below with payment.

Payments for all ads and listings should be sent to:

Aarone Durocher

51 Devon St

Portland, ME 04102

All Checks made out to LRCGB— and write Otter Tales in Memo line.

LRCGB
C/O Barb Burri
8 Ridgewood Rd
Plaistow, NH 03865

Address Service Requested

PRST. STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Boston, MA
Permit #5223