

# **Otter Tales**

## **Newsletter for the**

### **Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston**

**Fall 2001**

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#### **Minutes from Board Meeting, August 8, 2001**

Attendance: Ruth Solomon, Karen Kennedy, Jeff Synder, Dick Kennedy, Mary Jo Mansfield, Karen Pandolfi, Leslie Williams, Nancy Welch, and Gail Conway.

Ruth Solomon called meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were no minutes from the previous meeting to approve. Ruth welcomed two new board members, Nancy Welch and Leslie Williams. She also pleaded with the board for someone to step up and be the Recording Secretary. Gail Conway selflessly volunteered to be the Recording Secretary for the rest of the year. Please speak slowly for the rest of the year. Three cheers!

Treasurer's Report: Jeff gave the balances of the accounts. A balance of \$2409.57 is in the checking account and a balance of \$5181.67 is in the savings account.

Newsletter: No update

Membership: MaryJo read the first and second readings. A motion was made to accept the second readings. It was seconded and approved.

Field Committee: Nancy Welch reported for the Field Committee as acting chair. The WC test is completed and ran smoothly. Joey Edsel received a lovely thank you note from Nona King on the

successful running of the event. It was suggested and agreed upon that a copy of the letter be printed in the upcoming OtterTails with the original being mailed to Joey Edsel. The event was successful due to the large number of volunteers Joey got to work the event. The volunteers only worked ½ of a day, which worked in favor of the event and the volunteers. The WCI and WCX will start before the WC next year.

Sukie Noble was attending the HELDCA meeting at the time this meeting was in session. It was brought to our attention by HELDCA that a shot was fired over a woman in a canoe at 6 PM on the evening of our WC. Although the club does not know the outcome of this meeting, it is feared that we will be reprimanded even though we were off the grounds by then. A discussion followed on how to limit access of the testing area to the public. Nancy Welch will get a report on the outcome of the HELDCA meeting and forward it to the Recording Secretary.

Karen Kennedy mentioned that Ron Stevenson has passed away. A motion was made to make a \$50.00 donation, for a plaque in memory of Ron to be placed on a rock between field one and field two, in conjunction with the other clubs. Motion was unanimously passed. Jeff will send a check to Sukie for proper distribution.

There will be a field committee meeting in October run by Sukie Noble. She would like to have everything in order (judges, marshals, gunners, hospitality, etc.) for the upcoming events. If this is not done, there will be no tests. Ruth suggested that Nancy, Sukie, and Joey meet to discuss why this years WC was successful and use those points in making future events successful instead of making club members commit now.

Hunt Test is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> only has 8 dogs registered. They are still looking for volunteers.

Show Committee: We currently do not have sweeps judges for our 2002 event. Please contact Jeff if you know of anyone. Sweeps judges are supposed to pay their own way.

Board voted back in December to allow the winners to take home their winning trophies. Not all donators were notified of the boards vote. The vote stands. Ruth suggested encasing the trophies in plexi-glass for protection.

Pat Grove sent a thank you letter about the Specialty. It will be printed in OtterTails.

Agility: Bonny was not present to discuss the agility show. In fairness, the board has decided to give Canine Sports in NY another chance at running our show.

Unfinished Business:

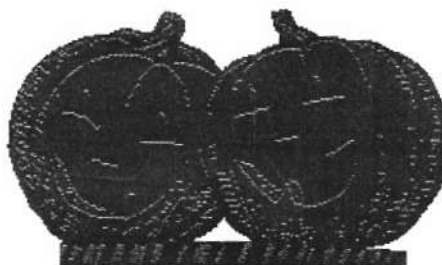
Sub Committees: Ruth suggested her idea behind forming subcommittees. Karen Kennedy voiced her concerns over the possibility of added meetings and more time spent at these meetings. A discussion ensued about the by-law committee. Karen Kennedy would like a cut off date for the first draft of our new by laws. Ruth would like the by laws committee to meet by September. Asked them to look at the LRCP site and their puppy buyer questions. This could be a starting point for our new by laws. Discussion was tabled until the by law members meet.

Meeting Place: We still are looking for a new meeting place. Requirements are that it should hold a minimum of 40 people, the cost needs to be reasonable, and possible heat for the winter. Other than that, we can supply our own chairs and table if need be. Ruth is going to contact NEADS. Dick Kennedy is going to look at an old school house in Danvers. Ruth urged Board member to actively search for a new meeting site.

Next Meeting: General meeting at Skips on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. Dr. Randy J. Boudrieau, DVM, Diplomate ACVA, Professor and Surgery Section Head, Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine will be our speaker on canine HD. (Yeah! It is good to have a connection, thanks Leslie!!) Ruth is calling Skips to reserve the room. Karen Pandolfi will be sending out the postcards with the general meeting info on or around August 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Conway



Questions and Responses on Breeding Practices

What do you charge for a stud fee?	NA		\$800 for stud fee/\$200 service fee. Total \$1000.00	No interest in keeping other bitches. Few times at \$750.00, usually for a friend. Bitch must have all clearances
Does the price include anything?	NA		A repeat if less than 2 live pups with a \$200. re service fee	
Board			5 days	NA
AI			Vet fees paid by bitch owner	
Other			Stud contract; all pups on limited registration & sold with return contracts	

Hips			OFA	OFA
Elbows			OFA	OFA but loosing faith in them
Eyes			Clear - Certified Opthamologist	Yes
Other			Must know	Usually a friend's bitch
Hip	OFA	Yes	OFA	OFA
Elbows	OFA	Yes	OFA	OFA
Eyes	CERF	Yes	Clear - Certified Opthamolgist	Yes
Other	No epilepsy, no allergies Must have 2 conformation points, CD or higher, JH or higher or Novice or higher in agility; Must have Labrador typy appearance		Lab temperament, Lab type, no epilepsy in lines, must know the bitch line & owner, good reason for breeding, stud must improve on bitch's conformation, prefer to do line breedings—2 times in and then 1 time out.	
Fenced yard	Yes	Electric not acceptable	Hard or electric but electric can not be used when owner not at home	Not required but must be under control, able to get proper exercise
Previous dog Experience		Preferred	Definitely if getting a yellow girl; if no experience suggest black boy	
Someone home	At least ½ day	One person home preferred or daycare/walker required	Preferred; but not a sale stopper. Somewhere besides a crate for pup to spend long periods of time	Accommodation made so pup is not in a crate all day
Where will dog be kept	In house	In house & crate training	House; family member	Family member
What is the purpose of the puppy	Pet, as well as someone who will compete in dog sports	Pets or show potential on co-own	Family member; very rarely sell any pup for breeding purposes and if so, agreement to no more than 3 litters or limited stud activity	Family member
Any one who has cash			Not even a consid- eration. Must visit before pups are born and then at least twice after	No. Most pups sold on direct referrals. Buyer must meet me and my dogs if I don't know them.

Advance deposits Required?	No	Yes. Only by sex not color	Yes and advance visit before breeding even takes place	Deposit before breeding of bitch;
How much	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$150.00
Do you refund deposits	Yes	Usually non-refundable	Usually non-refundable but if a person's circum- changes before whelping maybe or if I decide during puppy visits I don't like the person or their family mem- bers I will refund	Non-refundable unless I cannot fulfill writing agreement.
For what reason	If client decides not to take puppy	If some is moving or lost job, financial problem or health		However, tend to be good person, main concern is good home, may give back deposit, always have people waiting
When do you accept them	After pups are born	After meeting primary care giver	Sometimes a year in advance	Usually before bitch is bred
Puppy price				
Basic price for an 8 week	\$850.00	\$800.00	\$1000.00 for a pet on limited registra- tion with contract	\$750.00 on limited registra- tion

old puppy				
What do you provide				
Contract		Yes	Extensive contract	Spay/neuter
Worming	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 weeks , every 2 weeks-- Nemex
Health record		Record & health certificate	Yes. New owner must take to vet within 1 week for exam. Guaranteed healthy when leaving my home	Heath certificate from vet
Vaccines	First shots	First shots	First shots	First shots
Dewclaws	Yes		Removed	
Pedigree, etc	Yes		5 generation with pictures	
Feeding info	Yes	Yes	My own puppy booklet on care and tips on raising based on questions asked by previous puppy buyers	
Pictures	Yes		Yes	
After pup goes Home: advice, guarantees, etc.	Yes, advice	Advice. 2 ½ yrs. Congenital defects, crippling dysplasia—full refund upon OFA rating	Always available and expected. Stress owners must call if any problems—even little ones. Guarantees-no. Have re- placed a pup on individual circumstance	Full 14 day health guarantee provid-ing pup receives proper care—pup not dropped causing broken bones, exposure to Parvo, etc. After that no guarantee; how-ever, individual problems may help pay for fix or replace
Information on LRCGB			Yes. Application and copy of a newsletter.	
Other	Puppy kindergartens	My own training tips—printed, puppy toy with Mom's scent, slip lead	Signed contract. All my pups must be returned to me if owner can not keep—no matter what their age.	
Do you charge if puppy stays after 8 weeks and how much	No, rarely happens	No extra charge	Depends on length of stay but not for an extra week or two	No; people tend to think my time is free!
10 to 12 weeks			\$5.00 a day if person on vacation; nothing if waiting for a new home, etc.	
12 weeks to 4 months			\$5.00 a day, see above.	
Additional comments	Puppy may be returned within 6 months with refund less \$100 rehoming fee. Puppy must be returned if owner cannot keep; no refund after 6 months	Spay/neuter at 6 months. May return deposit if feel puppy is in wrong placement. Will not sell 2 pups to same person.	Will and have sold 2 pups to one family—has worked well; keep 2 myself some times. Do not refund money for pups unless I resell than refund is resale price	Don't know why I do this; the money isn't worth it or the headache. People tend to think my time is free, that's weekend after weekend when pups are around. We must educate the public. Let potential buyers talk about themselves; you'll be surprised what you learn. If you don' have pups available, direct them to another good breeder.



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## **The Journey by Crystal Ward Kent**

Submitted by Bonny Georgia

When you bring a pet into your life, you begin a journey – a journey that will bring you more love and devotion than you have ever known, yet also test your strength and courage

If you allow, the journey will teach you many things, about life, about yourself, and most of all, about love. You will come away changed forever, for one soul cannot touch another without leaving its mark.

Along the way, you will learn much about savoring life's simple pleasures - jumping in leaves, snoozing in the sun, the joys of puddles, and even the satisfaction of a good scratch behind the ears.

If you spend much time outside, you will be taught how to truly experience every element, for no rock, leaf, or log will go unexamined, no rustling bush will be overlooked, and even the very air will be inhaled, pondered, and noted as being full of valuable information. Your pace may be slower - except when heading home to the food dish - but you will become a better naturalist, having been taught by an expert in the field.

Too many times we hike on automatic pilot, our goal being to complete the trail rather than enjoy the journey. We miss the details - the colorful mushrooms on the rotting log, the honeycomb in the old maple snag, the hawk feather caught on a twig. Once we walk as a dog does, we discover a whole new world. We stop; we browse the landscape, we kick over leaves, peek in tree holes, look up, down, all around. And we learn what any dog knows: that nature has created a marvelously complex world that is full of surprises, that each cycle of the seasons bring ever changing wonders, each day an essence all its own.

Even from indoors you will find yourself more attuned to the world around you. You will find yourself watching summer insects collecting on a screen. (How bizarre they are! How many kinds there are!), or noting the flick and flash of fireflies through the dark. You will stop to observe the swirling dance of windblown leaves, or sniff the air after a rain. It does not matter that there is no objective in this; the point is in the doing, in not letting life's most important details slip by.

You will find yourself doing silly things that your pet-less friends might not understand: spending thirty minutes in the grocery aisle looking for the cat food brand your feline must have, buying dog birthday treats, or driving around the block an extra time because your pet enjoys the ride. You will roll in the snow, wrestle with chewie toys, bounce little rubber balls till your eyes cross, and even run around the house trailing your bathrobe tie - with a cat in hot pursuit - all in the name of love.

Your house will become muddier and hairier. You will wear less dark clothing and buy more lint rollers. You may find dog

biscuits in your pocket or purse, and feel the need to explain that an old plastic shopping bag adorns your living room rug because your cat loves the crinkly sound.

You will learn the true measure of love - the steadfast, undying kind that says, "It doesn't matter where we are or what we do, or how life treats us as long as we are together." Respect this always. It is the most precious gift any living soul can give another. You will not find it often among the human race.

And you will learn humility. The look in my dog's eyes often made me feel ashamed. Such joy and love at my presence. She saw not some flawed human who could be cross and stubborn, moody or rude, but only her wonderful companion. Or maybe she saw those things and dismissed them as mere human foibles, not worth considering, and so chose to love me anyway.

If you pay attention and learn well, when the journey is done, you will be not just a better person, but the person your pet always knew you to be - the one they were proud to call beloved friend.

I must caution you that this journey is not without pain. Like all paths of true love, the pain is part of loving. For as surely as the sun sets, one day your dear animal companion will follow a trail you cannot yet go down. And you will have to find the strength and love to let them go. A pet's time on earth is far too short - especially for those that love them. We borrow them, really, just for a while, and during these brief years they are generous enough to give us all their love, every inch of their spirit and heart, until one day there is nothing left.

The cat that only yesterday was a kitten is all too soon old and frail and sleeping in the sun. The young pup of boundless energy wakes up stiff and lame, the muzzle now gray. Deep down we somehow always s knew that this journey would end. We knew that if we gave our hearts they would be broken. But give them we must for it is all they ask in return. When the time comes, and the road curves ahead to a place we cannot see, we give one final gift and let them run on ahead - young and whole once more. "Godspeed, good friend," we say, until our journey comes full circle and our paths cross again.

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## **Flower Essences for Behavioral and Emotional Issues In Our Family Dogs**

**By Christina Blume**

Submitted by Karen Pandolfi

As an herbalist, I was very skeptical about flower essences until I began using them 8 years ago. You don't have to believe in" flower essences for them to be effective. The animals have certainly proved that. Flower essences are not contraindicated with any other form of health care. They will not interfere with pharmaceuticals, herbs or homeopathy.

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They are safe for all animals, all ages and weights, even in pregnancy. You cannot overdose with flower essences. Flower essences are a form of vibrational or energetic medicine as is acupuncture and homeopathy. Unlike homeopathy however, flower essences cannot be antidoted with coffee, mint or other strong flavors or scents. Flower essences are a small one ounce bottle of liquid with a dropper top. They are filled with water which has been energetically imprinted with the properties of a particular flower by the sun. Brandy is added as a preservative.

For dogs the standard dosage is 4 drops directly into their mouths, in the community water dish or added to a small dish of chicken or beef broth. It is easy to put 4 drops on their paws, nose, or anywhere they might lick it off. You may also put 12 drops of the essence in a 4 ounce atomizer bottle filled with distilled water and spray the essence, brushing or rubbing it into their coat. It is not quite as effective to give it in their food or on treats, but I do this when I have to. You cannot overdose on flower essences. They are most effective when given frequently- 4-8 times per day is ideal.

Trauma Remedy essence is the flower essence that I recommend everyone should have on hand. I have bottles of it all over the house and car. Trauma Remedy is for any kind of emergency, trauma, accident, or stressor, large or small. It is sold in health food stores under many names, Rescue Remedy, Trauma Remedy, Five Flower Essence and Natures Rescue. It is the remedy I recommend when you don't have "specific" essences on hand. Trauma Remedy is immediately calming to any animal or person. I think the key is remembering that you have the flower essence and remembering to use it. I gave a bottle of Trauma Remedy to a friend to take with her to a large dog show in Texas a few years ago. It is calming to the dog and handler just before going onto the floor.

Something happened with a dog in heat just before the show began and it was pandemonium. My friend said that she went around to all the dogs and their people, dosing them with the essence, like little birds, waiting to be fed. I think the stores in Dallas must have had a run on flower essences that weekend. I received many phone calls and emails asking where flower essences could be purchased. We often forget to treat ourselves as well as our dogs. A car struck a puppy that I had rescued from the highway. I gave him several doses of Trauma Remedy but didn't think to take any myself. The puppy was fine; I was the one in need of the essence!

Fear essence, is one of my favorite flower essences because it is so remarkable to witness its effectiveness. Animals and people who react strongly to thunderstorms and firecrackers on the July 4<sup>th</sup> are helped dramatically with this essence. I have gotten the most heartwarming calls and emails from people who tell me they "have a new animal" after the Fear essence. I've gotten calls about dogs who would literally dig through a door to get inside during a thunderstorm when their people were away. I find that 2-3 doses of the flower essence is remarkable in calming the animal's fears.

One woman wrote to me that for the first time in 5 years her dog did not tremble and whimper on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Some groomers have used the fear essence for many of the dogs they worked with who were labeled as "aggressive" either by other groomers or their people. Often the dogs are not aggressive at all, but reacting in a manner, seen as aggressive, out of fear.

Several weeks ago I got an email from a man who was visiting friends in Gunnison, CO. He was from San Diego and told me that his dog "lost his brain" when a thunderstorm passed through. He said the family he was visiting had Fear essence and he gave a dose to his dog. He was so taken with the results that he drove 5 hours to Parker Co. to get 2 bottles to take home with him. I also suggest this essence for animals who are anxious when going to the vet.

Five years ago I got a curious call from my neighbor that prompted me to make a blend of Fear essence and Trauma Remedy. Libby called at about 8:30 that morning. I don't think she would mind my telling you that she is not really a "critter person". She was new to pets. She adopted Samson as a guard dog for her property. She explained to me that she was late leaving for work and Samson had been barking an unusual and frantic bark all morning. She said she didn't have time to check him closely, but it seemed when she glanced at him that he had a moustache. Any guesses? If you guessed porcupine, you're right. The poor thing had a face full of porcupine quills. I examined him through the fence. He was in a great deal of pain, frightened and to top it all off there was a stranger on his property! I opened the bottle of blended essence, took 4 drops myself and then literally threw it into his open mouth by the dropperful, as he snarled at me through the fence. I had never used an entire bottle before.

I waited about 2 minutes while talking to him in a soothing manner. He calmed noticeably so I opened the gate and attached a lead to his collar, helped him into my truck and took him to the hospital.

This is another example of a human needing to take the essence along with the animal. Holly Essence is specific for jealousy. When I kept my sons two large dogs for two weeks while he was out of town I noticed some food aggression between his dogs and mine. The evening feeding took forever trying to separate the dogs. I dosed them all with a combination of Holly and Quaking Grass ( an essence that helps animals to accept new members of the household, litter or herd). I generally like to mix Holly and Quaking Grass essences whenever there is a new addition to the home. This works well for permanent additions and for temporary conditions such as pet sitting and visiting pets. I put the essence on treats, dosed the water bowls outside and yes, I dosed the toilets inside, their favorite watering spot. I gave the essences directly to them, a squirt in their mouths, and put it in a little beef broth and dunked their paws in the broth so they would spend a good deal of time licking it all off. Day 2 was an improvement and day 4 was great.

Chamomile Flower essence is calming for barking puppies and general nervous upset. I got a call from a couple in Vail who would take their two pot bellied pigs to be boarded whenever they went on vacation or had to travel. They said it almost wasn't worth it. The pigs would scream the entire two and a half hour car ride to the boarders. I suggested they try chamomile essence. They did and informed me that their lives were changed, they are able to travel in peace so vacations are now anticipated with joy.

Prickly Pear is a sweet essence for animals who may suffer from loneliness when its person(s) needs to be away for extended periods. Animals, like us, have different levels of sensitivity. Some dogs are lonely if we need to leave them for the weekend while others may be lonely during the day while we are at work. Prickly Pear in the water dish alleviates some of this loneliness.

Another favorite essence is Self Heal. This essence is used when the animal is sick or recovering. Self Heal brings out everything the dog has inside for recuperation and the will to live. It is an essence I definitely give just before and after a dog has surgery. After surgery I also give homeopathic arnica which is remarkable in reducing swelling, bleeding and bruising. The flower essences work nicely along with the homeopathics. I have and use about 70 different flower essences. I've only discussed a few here.

Flower essences can be very specific. To read more about flower essences I suggest the following:

#### TOP TWENTY DOG TERMS EXPLAINED

(submitted by Mary Jo Mansfield and Nancy Welsh)

20. SPECIALTY-Whatever your dog is good at, like bringing home dead cats or chewing the walls.
19. BALANCE- Ability to hold coffee, danish, leash, treats and entry form all at once.
18. CRABBING-What you do when the judge doesn't like way your dog moves.
17. FORCE FETCH-Dog drops the toy under furniture, scratches at the carpet til you're forced to "fetch" it.
16. BLIND RETRIEVE-When you can't see the toy under the furniture.
15. DOUBLE BLIND- Finding two toys under the furniture.
14. PEDIGREE- Dog food with lots of great coupons.
13. MULTI-GENERATIONAL PEDIGREE- Something you should have read first.
12. CGC- Canine Gastrointestinal Catastrophe {aka GAS}
11. DISTEMPER-Shown by those hot-headed competitors.

#### Braggs:

A tribute to Tai-Pan and Georgia! Two new titles were earned this past summer by two of their "Kids." Windsor's Me and Molly McGee CD earned her CDX at the Trap Falls K.C. show in Springfield, MA on July 3

\*My Very Favorite Book is The Encyclopedia of Natural Pet Care CJ Puotinen--I highly recommend this book to anyone who loves animals.

Flower Essence Repertory by Patricia Kaminsky and Richard Katz

The Healing Herbs of Edward Bach by Julian and Martine Barnard

Flower Essences and Vibrational Healing by Gurudas

Plant Spirit Medicine by Eliot Cowan  
Flowers that Heal by Patricia Kaminsky

Vibrational Medicine by Richard Gerber MD

If you would like more information about flower essences or where to find them email [Christina@blumesfarm.com](mailto:Christina@blumesfarm.com) or [blumesfarm@mindspring.com](mailto:blumesfarm@mindspring.com)

**LRCGB is now a member of BJ's Wholesale club, and any one wanting to join under the club can do so for \$20.00. Please call Jeff Synder or Mary-Jo for the membership number.**

10. TYPE- What your dog has...if you turn down the lights and squint a little.

9. UTILITY- The kind of vehicle you need to haul around your dogs.

8. FLY BALL- Neutering.

7. QUALIFYING SCORE- Justifying the 170.5 you got in obedience today.

6. HEEL- What you feel like when your dog won't heel during the exercise.

5. RIBBONS- What you want to cut the other exhibitors into, after their "pet" wins.

4. BITCH- To complain heartily.

3. DOG- To chase a judge from show to show in an effort to attain more breed wins.

2. GUARD HAIR- An activity in which one watches intently as the dog's hair falls out, in clumps, just after entries are mailed.

1. OVERSHOT- Running so fast as to pass the 1st place ring marker and plow into the judge and the stewards.  
Arlee & 24 Golden Paws

and her younger sister, Windsor's Sweet Ginger Brown CGC, HIAT here at LRCGB show in June went on to obtain her CD and 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the PVKC event in Greenfield, MA on August 4. We are "all" very proud of them both.

Joan Sullivan, Reading, VT.



## WELCOME AT RAINBOW BRIDGE

On the morning of September 11, 2001, there was an unprecedented amount of activity at the Rainbow Bridge. Decisions had to be made. They had to be made quickly. And, they were.

An issue, not often addressed here, is the fact that many residents really have no loved one for whom to wait. Think of the pups who lived and died in hideous puppy mills. No one on earth loved or protected them. What about the many who spent unhappy lives tied in backyards? And, the ones who were abused. Who are they to wait for?

We don't talk about that much up here. We share our loved ones as they arrive, happy to do so. But we all know there is nothing like having your very own person who thinks you are the most special pup in the Heavens. Last Tuesday morning a request rang out for pups not waiting for specific persons to volunteer for special assignment.. An eager, curious crowd surged excitedly forward, each pup wondering what the assignment would be.

They were told by a solemn voice that unexpectedly, all at once, over 4,000 loving people had left Earth long before they were ready.

All the pups, as all pups do, felt the humans' pain deep in their own hearts. Without hearing more, there was a clamoring among them - "May I have one to comfort?" "I'll take two, I have a big heart." "I have been saving kisses forever."

One after another they came forward begging for assignment. One cozy-looking fluffy pup hesitantly asked, "Are there any children coming? I would be very comforting for a child 'cause I'm soft and squishy and I always wanted to be hugged." A group of Dalmatians came forward asking to meet the Firemen and be their friends. The larger working breeds offered to greet the Police Officers and make them feel at home.

Little dogs volunteered to do what they do best, cuddle and kiss.

Dogs who on Earth had never had a kind word or a pat on the head, stepped forward and said, "I will love any human who needs love."

Then all the dogs, wherever on Earth they originally came from, rushed to the Rainbow Bridge and stood waiting, overflowing with love to share - each tail wagging an American Flag.

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"Graduating Class" from the LRCGB's Spring's beginning field training class.

Back row: Jimmy Scaramucci (gun), Dave McDonald (instructor), Paul Freitas (thrower), Bill Lindquist (gun)

Front row (graduates): Bonnie Griffith and Siren, David Ponziano and Casey, Nancy Freitas and Maya, Margare Stubbs and Trip, David Paradise and Huck, Pam Lindquist and Ginger.

Missing: Sheila Bennett and Reba, Dick McEndarffer and Gunner, Karen Kase (instructor), Gerrie Owren (gun and thrower), Cathy Shea (thrower)



From the minutes of the Board of Directors  
July 9-10, 2001

The Board considered a staff recommendation for an AKC position statement and a policy governing the use of special training collars on the grounds of AKC events. There was a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to adopt the following policy:

### **Proposed Policy**

Special Training devices that are used to control and train dogs, including but not limited to, collars with prongs, electronic collars used with transmitters, harnesses, muzzles and head collars may not be used on dogs at AKC events, except as allowed in the AKC Rules, Regulations, and policies.

Following a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gladstone, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent, Mr. Kelly, Mrs. Strand) to delete the harnesses from the proposed policy.

The main motion was then adopted with VOTE (affirmative, Ms. Scully, dr. Smith, Dr. Davies, Mr.

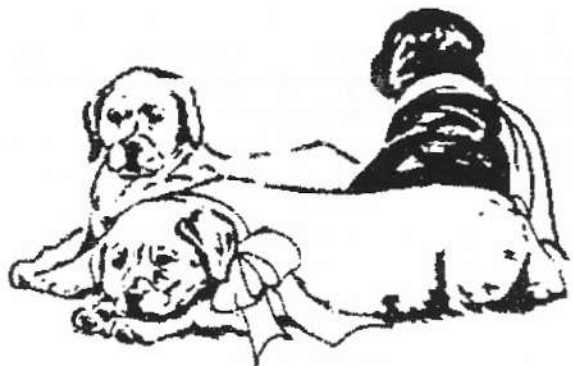
Merriam, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Marden, Mr. Menaker; opposed, Dr. Mays, Dr. Battaglia; absent, Mr. Kelly, Mrs. Strand).

Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Goodman, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent, Mr. Kelly, Mrs. Strand) to adopt the following Position Statement:

### **Position Statement**

The American Kennel Club recognizes that special training collars may be an effective and useful management device, when properly used, for controlling dogs that might be extremely active, difficult to control on a neck collar, or dog aggressive. These collars are also recognized as possibly useful for gaining control at the start of basic obedience training, essential education that dogs deserve and need.

There is a point at which owners should have sufficient control of their dogs to manage them on regular neck collars, without the use of special training collars. This is the point at which dogs are acceptable on the grounds of AKC competitive events and will have the opportunity to participate in those events.



**Great Expectations**

*Sire: Kiscos Ciamar R Tha Sibh WC (Hash)  
Dam: Ben Kelev's Okanani Scarlet CDX, JD,  
WC, CGC, Bda. Ch, BDA CD (Scarlet)  
Puppies expected end of November—blacks and  
chocolates --Brucia Witthoft,  
witthoft @ earthlink.net, 781-862-0382*

### **Upcoming Conformation Shows**

- 11-9 Newtown Kennel Club, Danbury CT.  
Dr. E. Trainor
- 11-10 Trap Falls, Danbury CT.  
Mrs. Ellen Frost
- 11-23 South Windsor Kennel Club, W. Springfield  
MA, Mrs. Lorraine Boatwell (Provisional)
- 11-24 Windham County KC, W. Springfield, MA  
Ms. Sandra M. Lex (Provisional)
- 11-25 Springfield Kennel Club, W. Springfield  
Dr. Anthony D. DiNardo
- 11-26 Holyoke Kennel Club, W. Springfield

- Mrs. Marcia A. Foy (Provisional)
- 12-1 Worcester County Kennel Club  
Mrs. Leta B. Graham
- 12-2 Worcester County Kennel Club  
Willam R. Russell, Jr.
- 12-6 Middlesex County Kennel Club, Boston  
Mrs. Joyce Dowling (Provisional)
- 12-7 Ladies Dog Club, Boston  
Mrs. Annette Davies
- 12-8 Eastern Dog Club, Boston  
Robert D. Ennis
- 12-9 Eastern Dog Club, Boston  
Ms. Pluis Davvern (Provisional)

More information on the above shows can be found at <http://www.infodog.com/main.htm> . Click on Show Information and then look for upcoming shows. If you are interested in conformation click on all breed/obedience. If you are interested in field or hunt, click on events and choose the ones that have a FT for Field Trial or HT for Hunt tests.

If you are interested in agility, click on events and choose the one with AG.

This site has lots of information for all aspects of dog events. You can get catalog markings for any shows which MBF is the show secretary.

### 2001 Triple Crown

		Total Points
1	<b>Sunnyside's Harbor Master</b> (Cappy) Audie & Roxanna Gould Conf: 200 Obed: 193 WC: 200	593
2	<b>Nor'land Naiad Spring Ceilidh</b> (Ceilidh) Sukie Noble Conf: 200 Obed: 171 WC: 200	571
3	<b>U-CDX Alsberg Hershey Kiss, CDX, JH, WC</b> 420 (Hershey) Marianne Rousseau Conf: 200 Obed: 120 WC: 100	
4	<b>Cedarbay's Mousse-Man Cometh</b> (Mousse) Marianne Rousseau Conf: 50 Obed: 125 WC: 200	375
	<b>Ashfield Naaid P.T. Limited, JH, WC</b> (Steamer) Mary Jo Mansfield Conf: 150 Obed: 189 WC: 0	339
	<b>Just Plain Balsam Fur, CD, JH</b> (Balsam) Karen Sullivan Conf: 50 Obed: 180 ½ WC: 0	230 ½
	<b>Frye Mtn's Miss Molly</b> (Molly) Audie & Roxanna Gould Conf: 50 Obed: 171 WC: 0	221
	<b>Birchwood's Just Magnificent</b> (Maggie) Jo Dee Edes Conf: 50 Obed: 50 WC: 0	100

8 Dogs and Handlers competed in the 2001 Triple Crown. Rosettes were handed out upon the completion of the Working Certificate.

For more information regarding the Triple Crown, contact Karen Kennedy.

### ME AND MY FRIEND

Author unknown. Submitted by Carole Barnhart.

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing before it, he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother of pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold.

He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side. When he was close enough, he called out, "Excuse me, where are we?"

"This is Heaven, sir," the man answered.

"Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the man asked. "Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up." The man gestured, and the gate began to open.

"Can my friend," gesturing toward his dog, "come in, too?" the traveler asked. "I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets." The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going.

After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road which led through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book. "Excuse me!" he called to the reader. "Do you have any water?" "Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there". The man pointed to a place that couldn't be seen from outside the gate. "Come on in."

The Triple Crown is a Labrador retriever Club of Greater Boston competition designed to promote overall working performance and versatility in Conformation, Obedience and Hunting Abilities in Labrador Retrievers. All participants competed in a Conformation and Obedience Class at the Spring Match held at Winikinni Castle in Haverhill, Ma on Sunday, May 6, 2001 and the Working Certificate held in Hopkinton, NH on July 22, 2001.

Points were awarded in the Conformation classes according to placement, the total accumulated obedience score and in the Working Certificate according to the number of retrievers.

The same handler must present the dog/bitch in all classes.

"How about my friend here?" the traveler gestured to the dog. "There should be a bowl by the pump."

They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveler filled the bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to the dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree waiting for them. "What do you call this place?" the traveler asked.

"This is Heaven," was the answer. "Well, that's confusing," the traveler said. "The man down the road said that was Heaven, too."

"Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's Hell."

"Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?"

"No. I can see how you might think so, but we're just happy that they screen out the folks who'll leave their best friends behind."

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Sometimes, we wonder why friends keep forwarding jokes to us without writing a word, maybe this could explain:

"When you are very busy, but still want to keep in touch, guess what you do -- you forward jokes."

"When you have nothing to say, but still want to keep contact, you forward jokes."

"When you have something to say, but don't know what, and don't know how, you forward jokes."

"And to let you know that: you are still remembered, you are still important, you are still loved, you are still cared for, guess what you get? A forwarded joke from me."

"So my friend, next time if you get a joke, don't think that I have sent you just a joke, but that I have thought of you today and wanted to send you a smile."

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THANK YOU -- As one who has not been involved in hunt tests for a few years, I want to say thank you to those who were in charge of both the WC and the AKC hunt test in August. The tests went so smoothly. A tribute to good leadership and organization. You all did an A+ job.

Thanks, Jan Johnson



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

## RESULTS FROM THE JUNE SPECIALTY

### Regular Dog Classes

Judge: Mr. Michael Faulkner

#### Retrievers (Labrador), Puppy 6 months and under 9 months, Dogs

1. Saltmeadow Dickens At Cedarbay (O) Marianne Rousseau
2. Chablais John Kaffe (O) Jean-Louie Blais & Madeleine Charest
3. Khourie Meadow's First light (B/O) Nancy Bard
4. Tamerie's Cedarwood (O) Carl & Nancy Brandow

#### Puppy 9 months and under 12 months, Dogs

1. Pembroke Know Worries Mate (B/O) Robert & Terry Shober
2. Paddington Majestx Roustabout (O) Judie & Paul Valliere
3. Brighton Sandledge Humprey (O) June Silva & Sally Kuhn
4. Denamrc's Gunner (B/O) Marc Kendrew & Denise Raid

#### 12 to 18 month, Dogs

1. Stonecrest's Davy Crockett (B/O) Claire White Peterson
2. Erinhill's Kiss Me I'm Irish (B/O) Cheryl & Jenna Curtis
3. Brookland Ni Thorpe Abbots (B/O) Gary & Gloria Manley & Kara Maddox
4. Chablais Musket Chosen (O) Patricia Gadaleta, Jean-Louis Blais & Madeline Charest

#### Novice Dogs

1. Provinces Just What We Needed (B/O) Elizabeth & Robert Robillard
2. Brooklands Kersey Heartbreaker (O) Nancy Love
3. Tallmadege-Cdrwood Hot Pursuit (O) Tami Abate & Nancy Brandow
4. Intergritys Maxwell Smart (O) John On'Neil

#### Bred-by-Exhibitor, Dogs

1. Milens Jet Setter (O) Carole Barnhart
2. Waifin's Wing and A Prayer (B/O) Leslie Personett, DVM
3. Mistyridge's Chairman of The Board (O) Patricia Grove & Michael Fanizzi
4. Beachbrook Sanka of Water Oak (O) Jessica Gore, Emily Magnani & Marissa Gore

#### American-bred, Dogs

1. Hop Brook Arnie (O) Sue Littlecot
2. White Mountains Mighty Dogg (O) Robert Rojek
3. Chocorua Seafarer O'Gypsy Bog, MH (O) Karen Kase & Alvin Shope
4. Woodloch's Sherwood Forest (O) Ann McCall, Pat Maushan & Lisa Weiss

#### Open, Black, Dogs

1. Ashfield Abenaki's Zoro (O) Keith Frizzell
2. Withara's Brodies Souvenir (O) Tammy Farrington, Eric Benziger & Annie Cogo

3. Tabatha's Owen at Sunspots (O) Beverly Chapman & Dana Loud
4. Simerdown's Hilton (O) David & Susan Robichaud

Open, Yellow, Dogs

1. Blackdux Daily News, JH (B/O) William & Kathleen Wolf
2. Hightide Slam Dunkin (O) David Drew
3. Mistyfield's March To The Beat (O) Betty Welles & Janet Nolan
4. Caer Bren North Star at Conclusion (O) Krista Beal & Jacqueline Mischo

Open, Chocolate

1. Mistyridge's Fielder (O) Patricia Grove & Michael Fanizzi
2. Arabador's Rolo On The River (B/O) Ann Carter
3. Willcare's Tennebogs (O) Sharon & Stephen Farrington & Sue Willumsen
4. Tennebog Bournville (B/O) Heinz P. Harzen

Winners Dog: Open Chocolate

Mistyridge's Fielder

Reserve Winners Dog: 12 to 18 Months

Stonecrest's Davy Crockett

REGULAR BITCH CLASSES

Judge: Ms. Kendall Herr

Puppy 6 months and under 9 months, Bitches

1. Graewall's Serengti (B/O) Pat & Lawrence Dunn
2. Tabatha's Trinket (B/O) Carol Heidl
3. Tabatha's Tardy (B/O) Carol Heidl
4. Willcare's Godiva (B/O) Susan Willumsen

Puppy 9 months and under 12 months, Bitches

1. Pembroke Follow The Dream (B/O) Robert & Terri Shober
2. Tabatha's Intensify (B/O) Carol Heidl
3. Wiscoys Goodnight Lucky (B/O) Jill Ickowski
4. Hollyridge Black Magic Woman (B/O) Julie Quigley

12 to 18 months, Bitches

1. Tabatha's Desi (B/O) Carol Heidl
2. Caer Bren Magnolia of Stonecroft (O) Jacqueline Mischo & Virginia Fristoe
3. Lake Pines As Time Goes By (B/O) Tony & Shirley Ciprian
4. Musket Licka Wish (B/O) Pat & Tony Gadaleta

Novice, Bitches

1. Cedarwood Cinkelt Now N Zen (O) Tami Abate
2. Hunt Club Clayview Puddles (O) Jean DeGuira & William Phelan
3. Waterfoot Severn (B/O) Mary Jane Egerton
4. Tabatha's Defiance (O) Tammy Farrington & Eric Benziger

Bred-By-Exhibitor, Bitches

1. Waifin's High Flying Adored (B/O) Leslie Personett, DVM
2. Allegheny's Labwell Jollity (O) Clare Senfield
3. Tabatha's Pocket (B/O) Carol Heidl
4. Blackdux Marcie Beaucoup (b/O) William & Kathleen Wolf

American-bred, Bitches

1. Henningsmill Cool Mkt Rally (O) Shaun & Debra Scott
2. Lake Pine's Northern Exposure (b/O) Tony & Shirley Ciprian
3. Premier's Shameless (O) Ingrid Jackson
4. Crossfire's Somewhere In Time (B/O) Jean DeGuira & William Phelan

Open, Black, Bitches

1. Windfall's Stormy Sky (B/O) Annie & Ron Cogo
2. Pembroke Sweet Sophistication (B/O) Robert & Terri Shober
3. Allegheny's Black Cherry (B/O) Clare Senfield
4. Wiscoys Wynne (B/O) Jill Ickowski

Open Yellow, Bitches

1. Paddington's Clear Blue Sky (B/O) Lois Engel & Ann Lofgren
2. Tallmadge's Tally Hol (B/O) Sally Leary
3. Broadway Necessities MS Logan, JH (B/O) Marie & Robert Walls
4. Erinhill's Joyful Jeni (O) Jessie LaCasse & Cheryl Curtis

Open, Chocolate, Bitches

1. Erinhill's Beachbrook Déjà vu (O) Cheryl Curtis & Susan Willumsen
2. Barolo Try Me Out (O) Toni Glover
3. Winidy Ridge Hillbilly's Girl (O) James & Robin Magee
4. Chucklebrook Maytyme Fandanna (O) Sue May & Diane Pilbin

Winners Bitch, Open, Black

Windfalls' Stormy Sky

Reserve Winners Bitch, Open, Chocolate

Erinhill's Beachbrook Déjà vu

Non Regular Dog Classes

Judge: Mr. Michael Faulkner

Veteran Class 8 to 10, Dogs

1. Ch. Blackdux Knight Moves, JH (B/O) William & Kathleen Wolf
2. Ch. Snowden Hill Beast O Bayonne (O) Joseph & Polly Seaburg
3. Ch. Coltons Ransom of Red Chief (O) G. & L. White & Claire White-Peterson
4. Ch. Pine Edge Shiftn' Gears, CD, JH (O) Carl & Nancy Brandow

Veteran Class 10-12 year old, Dogs

1. Ch. Saltmeadow Starman (B/O) Carla Frey



## Hunting Dogs

1. Nanny's little Boomerang, (B/O) Nancy Foster

## Veteran Class 8 to 10, Bitches

1. Ch. Chablais Mia (B/O) Jean-Lois Blais & Madeleine Charest
2. Tabatha's Flutter (O) Jane Wewer & Carol Heidl
3. Mistyridge's Cobblestone (B/O) Patricia Grove
4. Naiad Ashfield Orient Express (O) Mary-Jo Mansfield & Doris Aylward

## Veteran Class 10-12 year old, Bitches

1. Ch. Willcare Gypsy Chitina, CD, MH (O) Karen Kase, Alvin Shope & Susan Willumsen
2. H'Clorvdales In the Black (O) Sharon Fanning

## Hunting, Bitches

1. Ch. WR Allegheny's Crystal, JH (O) Jacqueline Mischou & Clare Senfield
2. Broadway Necessities MS Logan JH (B/O) Marie & Robert Walls
3. Willcare's Pleasant Pine Dream, CDX, JH (O) Karen & Richard Kennedy, Susan Willumsen
4. Trelawny's Miss Jezebel of Ayr, JH (O) Joan Clarke

Best of Breed -Ch. Ingelnook Instigator (b/O) Jeff & Joan Ingelli

Best of Opposite Sex – Ch. Stoneway Babbitt Hill Bound (B/O) Edward White

Best of Winners—Winners Dog - Mistyridge's Fielder

Best Puppy –9- 12 months, bitch - Pembroke Follow The Dream

Best Opposite Sex Puppy – 6-9 months dog - Saltmeadow Dickens At Cedarbay

Best Veteran - Ch. Blackdux Knight Moves

Best Bred By – Bitch - Waifin's High Flying Adored

## Stud Dog Class

1. Ch. Pine Edge Shiftin' Gears, CD, JH (O) Carl & Nancy Brandow
2. Ch. Criclwood About Face, (O) Nancy Dolce

## Brood Bitch Class

1. Sadona's Mad Hatter Maggie (O) Gary & Gloria Manley
2. Tabatha's Ebonetta (O) Carole Barnhart
3. Luftanse Woodloch's Hawley (O) ann & Randy Mccall, Lisa Weiss

## Maturity

1. Ch. Linrays Over The Top; Ch. Wiscoys Say Goodnight Gracie; Wiscoys Wynne
2. Ch. WR Allegheny's Crystal,;Ch. CaerBren Mr. Pickwick; JH, Caer Bren Magnolia of Stonecroft
3. Ch. Willcare Gypsy Chitina; CD, MH, Gypsy Bog's Matanuska Bay, JH, CD; Gypsy Bog Susquehanna Eddie's

Junior Handling - Judge: Mr. Michael Foulkner

## Novice Junior Class

1. P. Silva

## Novice Senior Class

1. Amy Little

## Open Junior Class

1. Lyla A. Rudgers

## Best Junior Handler – Open Junior Class

Lyla A. Rudgers

## Obedience Classes

Judge: Mr. Michael A. Calhoun

## Novice Class A.

1. Captain Caleb of Salty Seas (O) Amy & Douglas Little
2. BCP's Michief Molly (O) Beth Perron

## Novice Class B.

1. Windsor's Sweet Ginger Brown (O) Joan & Jim Sullivan
2. Pleasant pine's Mischief Maker, JH (O) Karen & Richard Kennedy
3. Prospsect's Bosun At Seawatch (O) Carl & Gail Ford
4. Ben Kelev's Okanani Susannah (B/O) Brucia Withtoft & Carol Falk

## Qualifying

Erinhill Torque of Mastery (O) Fran & Michael Masters  
Erihill Sages Thea (O) B. Kravetz & Cheryl Curtis  
Hillsides Highland Mist (B/O) Pamela Leslie

## Open Class "A"

1. Viking Drivin's Miss Daisy, CD, JH (B/O)Gerrie Owren

## Open Class "B"

1. Leeshore Magical Water Sprite, UD, JH (O) Pamela Kimel
2. Viking Roush Racer, UD, JH (O) Gerrie Owren
3. Plymrock Jet Propelled, CDX, JH (O) Cathy Shea
4. Haynes Otis of Sherman Place (O) Charles & Patricia Haynes

## Utility Class "B"

1. Leeshore Magical Water Sprite, UD, JH (O) Pamela Kimel

## Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes

From Novice B

Windsor's Sweet Ginger Brown

## Highest Scoring Dog in Open "B" & Utility Combined

Leeshore Magical Water Sprite, UD, JH

## Veterans

1. OTCH. Hurryback's Class Act, UDX, JH (O) Sharon Pica & Judy Kay
2. Miss Joey of Lake Attitash, UDX (O) Debra Price

Versatility

1. Ben Kelev's Okanani Scarlet, CDX, JH (O) Brucia Withoft & Carol Falk & Georg Potter

SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Fran Opperisano

6 months & under 9 months, Dogs

1. Hunterleigh Tabatha Elvis (B/O) Jane Wewer & Carol Heidl
2. Cedar Springs Field Moise (B/O) Heather Hill
3. Musket Down-N-Out (B/O) Patricia Gadaleta
4. Saltmeadow Dickens At Cedarbay (O) Marianne Rousseau

9 months and under 12 months, Dogs

1. Brighton Sandledge Humprey (O) June Silva & Sally Kuhn
2. Paddington Majestx Roustabout (O) Judie & Paul Valliere
3. Pembroke Know Worries Mate (B/O) Robert & Terri Shober

12 months and under 15 months, Dogs

1. Stonecrest's Davy Crockett (B/O) Claire White Peterson
2. Erinhill's Kiss Me I'm Irish (b/O) Cheryl Curtis & Jenna Curtis
3. Southgate Yardley (O) Janet Gillis & Sally Jennings
4. Mile's Ebb Tide (O) Carole Barnhart

15 months and under 18 months, Dogs

1. Chablais Musket Chosen (O) Patricia Gadaleta, Jean-Louis Blais, Madeline Charest
2. Brookland Ni Thorpe Abbots (O) Gary & Gloria Manley, Kara Maddox
3. Nightwinds Start Your Engines (O) Margaret Lands & Dayna Rousseau
4. Ridgeview Farm's Killingworth Tuck (O) James Allen & Lynn Thomas

6 months and under 9 months, Bitches

1. Tabatha's Tardy (B/O) Carol Heidl
2. Tabatha's Trinket (B/O) Carol Heidl
3. Graewalls' Serengti (B/O) Patricia & Lawrence Dunn
4. Chablais Adele Brown (B/O) Jean-Louis Blais & Madeleine Charest

9 months and under 12 months, Bitches

1. Wiscoys Goodnight Lucky (B/O) Jill Ickowski
2. Snowdinhill Camelot Geraldine (B/O) Nancy Rudgers & Gladys Rogers
3. Cedarwood's Laurel (B/O) Carl & Nancy Brandow
4. Pembroke Follow The Dream (B/O) Robert & Terri Shober

12 months and under 15 months, Bitches

1. Lake Pines As Time Goes By (B/O) Tony & Shirley Cirprian
2. Stonecrest's Sky Watcher (B/O) Claire White Peterson
3. Tallmadge's Tomboy (B/O) Sally Leary

4. Brimar's Cadeau De Diamont (O) Lisa Blake

15 months and under 18 months, Bitches

1. Crossfire's A Winter Tail (O) Jean DeGuira & William Phelan
2. Tabatha's Desi (b/O) Carol Heidl
3. Caer Bren Magnolia of Stonecroft (O) Jacqueline Mischou & Virginia Fristoe
4. Musket Licka Wish (B/O) Pat & Tony Galaleta

Best in Sweepstakes:

Stonecrest's Davy Crockett

Best Of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes

Crossfire's A Winter Tail

Veteran Sweepstakes 8 years and older, Dogs

1. Ch. Blackdux Knight Moves (B/O) William & Kathleen Wolf
2. Ch. Kazorp's Scrabble (B/O) Wendy McNaughton
3. Ch. Snowden Hill Beast O Bayonne (O) Joseph & Polly Seaburg
4. Ch. Coltons Ransom of Red Chief (O) G & L White & Claire White-Peterson

8 years and older, Bitches

1. Ch. Chablais Mia B/O) Jean-Louis Blais & Madeleine Charest
2. Tabatha's Flutter (O) Jane Wewer & Carol Heidl
3. Ch. Willcare Gypsy Chitina, CD, MH (O) Karen Kase, Alvin Shope, Susan Willumsen
4. Naiad Ashfield Orient Express (O) Mary-Jo Mansfield & Doris Aylward

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes:

Ch. Chablais Mia

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes:

Ch. Blackdux Knight Moves, JH

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**Brags:**

MHR Birchangreen Tashmo's Solson CDX MH and MHR Birchangreen's Final Tally CDSH completed their NAHRA Master Hunting Retriever titles this spring. They are bred, owned, trained and handled by Nona King and Tara Yohan.

Kazorp's Game of Chance (Gamble) (sire: Majestx Come by Chance x dam: Kazorp's Tiddily Winks, bred/owned/shown by Wendy McNaughton) at 16 months was reserve winners bitch at the North Conway Show on Sunday, September 9 from the Bred By Exhibitor class and she placed second in a large Bred by Exhibitor Class (26) at the Labrador Retriever Club of Central Connecticut under breeder judge Janet Familette on September 21.

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Minutes of the Board:  
September 12, 2001

Attendance: Ruth Solomon, Karen Kennedy, Mary Jo Mansfield, Karen Pandolfi, Peggy Lands, Bonny Griffith, Carole Barnhart, Leslie Williams, Nancy Patterson, Dick Kennedy, Brucie Witthoft, Mary Lynn Troy, Carol Falk, Rebecca Hallie, Marion Lyons, Jeffery Patterson, and Gail Conway.

Ruth Solomon called meeting to order at 7:08PM. Karen Kennedy made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. They were seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: No Update.

Newsletter: No Update

Membership: MaryJo read the first and second readings. A motion was made to accept the second readings. It was seconded and approved.

Field Committee: Nancy Patterson reported for the Field Committee as acting chair. The Hunt Tests ran favorably. Masters and Seniors ran on Saturday, which worked out well. HELDCA has a liaison on site during the running of our tests. He was pleased how organized and how smoothly they were ran. is completed and ran smoothly.

Show Committee: We are in desperate need for a Spring Match Chairperson volunteer. If you would like to volunteer please see Ruth. We are supporting the entries in Worcester and Boston this year. We do not think we can have a hospitality booth ringside at Boston, but will try to do something in the crating area.

Agility: Bonny presented alternatives to running the Agility trial to the Board, since CSS and ATS may not be available to us next year. Her recommendation was to work with Noreen Bennett as the Trial Secretary and partner with Colonial Sheltie Club for a May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> dates in Wrentham. The Board appreciated her hard work and will go over her findings and a vote will be made at the October meeting to decide which way to go.

By-Laws Advisory Committee: The By-Laws Advisory Committee presented a Puppy Buyer's Checklist to the Board. Ruth asked the Board to review it and bring you concerns to the next meeting. It is the hope of this subcommittee to get this proposal made available to all and help steer buyers in the right direction.

New Business: The National has requested a raffle donation from the club. Mary Jo is going to make a basket full of stuff and get it off to them. Ruth requested that the Board think of holding a high price raffle to create revenue for the club. It was decided that the raffle should be showcased for one full year and that their be an unlimited amount of tickets sold. Discussion ensued about

the raffle items. Carol Falk is going to look into a trip to the Bermuda Dog shows in November 2002 and report back to the board.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. We were then thrilled to listen to Dr. Randy Boudrieau's presentation on Canine Hip Dysplasia.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Conway

A Little Black Lab, (Author unknown)  
Submitted by Pat Grove

On what is now called Labrador  
With it's wind swept crags and jutting jaw  
When the earth was young and the sea wild,  
There was created a canine child.

God took a heart that was big and bold,  
and a tireless will that would not fold,  
A seal-like coat painted in ink,  
Two soft brown eyes, and a nose that could think.

Some salted blood and an otter's tail  
and four webbed feet to fight a gale;  
A sailor's friend he became  
from the shores of Bristol to the Spanish Main.

He asked no more than a pat on the head,  
or a kindly word and a deck for a bed-  
He would always wait for a hazardous chore.  
and fetch a line and swim it ashore.

Or break through ice for the hunter's delight  
that they might have a wild ducks slice;  
or walk the streets from end to end  
just to comfort a "white canned" friend.

God never made a perfect man,  
nor a perfect woman, too,  
but a Labrador Retriever might  
his finished mold come true.

When the last geese on the horizon flee  
and the distant drummer summons me-  
when the sun sets slowly in the west  
and the dust has settled on my chest-

When the judgment door is opened wide  
and I cannot run and cannot hide;  
When I have to pay my life's last tab,  
I pray my judge be a little black lab.

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