



# Retriever Reflections

Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.

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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

The first newsletter of 2009. Hopefully everyone is thinking about what activities they are going to participate in with their dogs this year. Hopefully you are also planning on participating in some Club activities this year - the match, field days, the specialty, supported entries, etc. Check out the calendar.

Melinda Grosch, Editor

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our President is at sea once again but sends this message.

Being away from home as much as I am in my job has offered me a unique view on the subject of dog loyalty.

It is often said that dogs are as loyal as any of God's creatures but coming and going as I do certainly puts this theory to the test. When I am home I spend a considerable amount of time with all seven (expect that number to grow soon) of my dogs, training, walking, feeding, playing, and grooming them. Through this interaction we develop a high level of rapport.

Then I leave home, sometimes for as long as two months. This is when I see allegiances change. All of a sudden they are less my dogs and more my wife's dogs. Oh sure, they greet me with enthusiasm when they see me, but once that wanes it is to her side that they go.

Now I wouldn't call them fickle. This is not capriciousness. It is more like they are little mercenaries on sale to the highest bidder.

Of course, it is not just my wife to whom I lose them. I see similar behavior with our dog walkers and their conformation handler (yes, we hire dog walkers - we both work full time jobs and somebody has to burn off all that energy). Once the dog walker arrives at the house it doesn't seem to matter what commands I issue, their focus is only on one thing - the walk.

A similar phenomenon occurs when the handler enters the picture at a dog show. All of their attention shifts to her. And it is no wonder, as a friend of mine not familiar with dog handling once commented as he saw pieces of hot dog regularly and miraculously issue forth from her mouth - "She's a human Pez dispenser for hot dogs".

But hope is not lost, for when I resume the feeding, walking, grooming, and training, I am once again flush with the currency that these little mercenaries recognize.

Keep it fun!!!

Allen Garfinkle  
President

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The Labrador In Northern California Booklet

Copies of the Club's publication, The Labrador in Northern California, are available from Terri Herigstad for \$5 each. These are handy references and are great for handing out to new Labrador owners.

**Litter listing requirements:**

Members may submit litter listings for their dogs or bitches. As stated in the GGLRC Breeders Code of Ethics, before a litter will be listed in Retriever Reflections, you must submit health clearance information for both the dog and the bitch: OFA or Wind-Morgan clearances and certification by a board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist that the dog has been examined and found free of hereditary eye disease within the last year. You must indicate whether or not the parents have met the Code of Ethics performance requirement (CD, one championship point, JAM, field title, WC, or GGLRC Retrieving Dog Elementary certificate). We require a \$10 donation to Golden Gate Labrador Rescue for a litter listing. Each listing may appear twice. Please submit listings in writing to Editor, Melinda Grosch. Make checks payable to GGLRC and send to:

The litters or sires listed here belong to members in good standing of the Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. (GGLRC), but in no circumstances does GGLRC guarantee the services of said members. Buyers should review any contracts and/or guarantees with the breeder.



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Placing Labs in loving homes since 1986

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If you like the work we do in helping to save Labs ...you can help us to help the dogs by sending a tax deductible contribution to:

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Lab Rescue is an all volunteer organization GGLRR has been granted nonprofit/tax-exempt status by the IRS under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All donations made to GGLRR are deductible from your personal tax returns to the extent allowed by law.

**BRAGS**

**BELGAIRN HART RANCH NARUTO**

(CH Shadowbrook's Just Ducky x Belgairn Crystal Hart)  
Breeder: Tony & Lisa Hart Owners: Ron and Jennifer Kelly  
Nov 2008 High Desert LRC Specialty  
Reserve Winner's Dog, 1st 9 -12 Month Dog  
Judge: Michael Woods  
1st Sweeps 9 -12  
Judge: Diann Welle

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

When you provide information for brags please include the

Dog's Full Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_,

Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_,

Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_,

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_,

Event: \_\_\_\_\_,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_,

Award: \_\_\_\_\_,

and Judge's Name: \_\_\_\_\_.

**LITTER LISTINGS**

None at this time.

**A QUOTE I LOVE!**

"My dog is my heart." Unknown

**CAUGHT IN THE WEB**

The specialty Judge from France, Mr. Phillippe Lammens, has posted a nice photo essay on his website of his judging assignment and sightseeing in San Francisco.

<http://www.labradorsofmistydreams.com/divers-elevage/sanfrancisco.htm#jugements>

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**MINUTES FROM THE GENERAL MEETING**

**Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club**

GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m. by vice president Terry Herigstad in president Allen Garfinkle's absence. Meeting was held at Sharon Ventura's

house as part of the annual holiday gathering.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

Terry passed out a printout stating AKC's requirements for holding dog shows. Each club applying to have a show must host one major activity within the calendar year to be approved for the next year's show.

Secretary: We have received correspondence thanking us for past contributions to the Sun Maid scholarship and also asking for a contribution for next year. We are not financially able to do this at this time. We have also received paperwork regarding the AKC-Equisure insurance program and a request from the AKC asking for our new officers.

Treasurer: Nancy Yamada submitted a report on the club finances. We are short of money and fund raising will be a priority in 2009.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Sho and Go: This will be held May 31, 2009 at Cal State Hayward from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The match will have four rings and there will be one conformation ring. There will also be a CGC and handling clinic.

Specialty: Judges will be breed Aryum Ellis from Wales, sweepstakes Dan Clark, obedience Lora Cox and Dorin Ladd. Norcal will continue to have their trial with us. Jan Hepper will do judges hospitality.

Sunday judges will be Sharon Celentano and Paula Nykiel.

GGLRC needs to get 2010 judges. A veteran's class is a possibility.

Membership: New applications to be voted at the annual meeting: Beverly Bambach, Tabbitha and Joshua Walker, Jennifer and Michael Baucico, Barbara Wener, Natasha Gelfand, Bonnie Lea Sanchez, Abraham Tiso Jr.

Booklet: The Lab in Northern California is currently at printer.

Nominating Committee: Slate of board members will be voted at annual meeting.

Field: Field day will be discussed at annual meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Events Calendar: The calendar will be developed at the annual meeting.

Website: James and Mike are working on the website.

Education: A table will be manned at the Cow Palace.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Annual meeting will be January 11th at 10:30 at Terry Herigstad's house in Livermore.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Submitted by Connie Holm

**NEW MEMBERS!!!**

The following people were voted into membership at the annual meeting having met the attendance requirement and their applications having been read once before.

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**DUES ARE DUE**

Dues were due by the Annual meeting. The members at the meeting voted to extend the deadline to February 15, 2009. So if you haven't paid yet here's still time!

\$35.00 Single    \$40.00 Family

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**SPECIALTY MATCH AND SHOW & GO**

The Club's annual Specialty Match and Show & Go has been move up to Sunday May 31, 2009 and will be held a Cal State East Bay (Hayward). Marilou Garfinkle will chair conformation and Connie Holm will chair obedience.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
2009 Annual Meeting	Jan 11
Golden Gate KC Benched Shows	Jan 24-25
Board Meeting	Mar 11
Field Training Day	March TBA
Board Meeting	May 13
Show & Go/Match and General Meeting (California State East Bay A.K.A. CalState Hayward)	May 31
"Woofstock"	June 4 - 7
(Skyline/Contra Costa shows supported entries)	
Board Meeting	July 8
Richmond Dog Fanciers supported entries	Aug 1 & 2
CERF Exam Clinic - Terri Herigstad's	Aug TBA
Board Meeting	Sept 9
Field Day/WC/General Meeting	Sept TBA
GGLRC Specialty/Obedience & Rally Trial	Oct 16 & 17
Del Valle Dog Club Supported Entries	Oct 18 & 19
Board Meeting	Nov 11
Holiday Party & General Meeting	Dec TBA

**U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION  
CAUTION TO DOG OWNERS ABOUT CHICKEN JERKY  
PRODUCTS**

<http://www.fda.gov/consumer/updates/jerky122408.html>

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) continues to caution consumers about a potential association between the development of illness in dogs and the consumption of chicken jerky products. The products—also called chicken tenders, strips, or treats—are imported from China. FDA continues to receive complaints of sick dogs that their owners or veterinarians associate with eating chicken jerky products. FDA issued a cautionary warning to consumers in September 2007.

Australian news organizations report that the University of Sydney is also investigating an association between illness in dogs and the consumption of chicken jerky in Australia. At least one firm in Australia has recalled their chicken jerky product and the recall notification stated the product was manufactured in China.  
What is FDA Doing?

\* FDA, in addition to several veterinary diagnostic laboratories in the United States, is working to find out why these products are associated with illness in dogs. To date, scientists have not been able to determine a precise cause for the reported illnesses.

- \* FDA has conducted extensive chemical and microbial testing but has not identified any contaminant.
- \* FDA continues to actively investigate the problem. Many of the illnesses reported may be the result of causes other than eating chicken jerky.

Tips for Consumers

- \* Do not substitute chicken jerky products for a balanced diet. The products are intended to be used occasionally and in small quantities. Owners of small dogs must be especially careful to limit the amount of these products.
- \* If you choose to feed your dog chicken jerky products, watch the dog closely. Stop feeding the product if your dog shows any of the following signs, which may occur within hours to days after feeding the product:
  - decreased appetite, although some dogs may continue to eat the treats instead of other foods
  - decreased activity
  - vomiting
  - diarrhea, sometimes with blood
  - increased water drinking or increased urination
- \* Call your veterinarian if signs are severe or last for more than 24 hours. Blood tests may indicate kidney failure [increased urea nitrogen and creatinine]. Urine tests may indicate Fanconi syndrome [increased glucose]. Although most dogs appear to recover, some reports to FDA have involved dogs that have died.
- \* Consumers and veterinarians should report cases of animal illness associated with pet foods or treats to the FDA Consumer Complaint Coordinator listed for their area at:  
[www.fda.gov/opacom/backgrounders/complain.html](http://www.fda.gov/opacom/backgrounders/complain.html).

This article appears on FDA's Consumer Health Information Web page ([www.fda.gov/consumer](http://www.fda.gov/consumer)), which features the latest updates on FDA-regulated products. Sign up for free e-mail subscriptions at:  
[www.fda.gov/consumer/consumerenews.html](http://www.fda.gov/consumer/consumerenews.html).

For More Information

Preliminary Animal Health Notification  
[www.fda.gov/cvm/CVM\\_Updates/ComplaintsChicJerky.htm](http://www.fda.gov/cvm/CVM_Updates/ComplaintsChicJerky.htm)

Date Posted: December 24, 2008

Editor's Note: Costco was selling bags of duck jerky also from China. It is probably a good idea to either avoid jerky products from China or watch your dog carefully if you choose to feed them. There are duck, chicken, and salmon jerky products made here in the USA by Plato. I use them and a jerky intended for human consumption from Trader Joe's. They have beef, turkey, and buffalo - my dogs love them and I also have an emergency food supply for myself in my car.

**EVER WONDER WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR TROPHY DONATION?**

Ruth Hertzog, our Trophy Chair Explains:

"All the trophies for the Specialty are purchased 'beforehand' ... ..... this is a big outlay of monies for the club. Then, I as Trophy Donation Chairperson, solicit donations from the members of the club and other friends of the club to donate to trophies of their choice with special requests to be mentioned in the GGLRC Specialty Catalog. Even though your designated trophy was not used at this particular Specialty show your monies still helped the club. Not all the trophies were paid for, so your money was still used by the club to off set another trophy.

All our members are appreciated for their generous contributions. To put on a Specialty is the biggest outlay of money for our Club so that is why we have raffles at Specialty shows to help with the cost of putting on a show. Not only are there trophies to pay for but there is also the huge expense of paying for the usage of the Fairground property. All the contributions that we receive help to this cause. If you would like to learn more about what it takes to put on a Specialty show, attend a General Meeting or a Board Meeting. You will be able to hear and see first hand the outlay of expenses for our Specialty. Many times our Club takes a big loss. By the way, the trophies that were NOT used at our Specialty remain with the Club and are used the following year.

**LABRADOR IN NORTHERN CA**

The Labrador In Northern CA booklet has been published. Each member will receive one copy. However, in an effort to save some money they will not be mailed out. Please make arrangements with any board member to pick up a copy at any meeting, event or supported event. Additional booklets can be purchased for \$5.00 each. These booklets are great to send home with prospective puppy buyers or puppy buyers. Terri Herigtad, Marilu and Allen Garfinkle, and Sharon Ventura all have a large supply if you need mor than one copy.

**FIELD DAYS**

Cathy Mason will coordinate the field days for 2009. She hopes to have more training day than we had last year, starting in Mach. More details soon!

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Jennifer Kelly has volunteered to take over the newsletter starting in January 2010.

**WEBSITE**

Michael Bashista is our new webmaster. He is working with James tying to capture as much information from our crashed website as possible.

### **General Meetings**

General Meeting - Specialty Match & Show & Go  
CalState East Bay (A.K.A. CalState Hayward)  
Sunday, May 31, 2009

### **Board Meetings**

Board Meeting - March 11, 2009  
Location: Denny's Pleasanton  
Time: 7:15 p.m.



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