



Retriever Reflections

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Absolutely tons of stuff to do. Hoping to abandon my duties for awhile this weekend and attend the Splash Dogs event at our County Fair. Almost too much stuff for the newsletter this month.

See you at the WC,
Melinda Grosch, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

K-9 Ambassadors

Greetings CCLRC members! One of the top ten reasons I love my dogs (without revealing where it ranks) is that people, in general, are nicer to me when I am accompanied by a dog. Perhaps you have experienced this phenomenon? When I walk down a street with one of my Labradors, more people will smile, make eye contact, and even greet me, than would if I were sans pooch.

Now it is possible that this is just an urban phenomena, and those of you in smaller communities greet everyone, maybe even by name. But here in the urban East Bay, I have walked many a block without passer-bys giving me a second look, nary a glance (which may not happen to you gals as much). Yet when I am accompanied by a happy Labrador, the whole dynamic changes. Suddenly, I am more than a stranger - I am a dog owner (or dog guardian, if you prefer).

This also may not be true for owners of all dog breeds, as people don't perceive all breeds equally. For instance, if I were accompanied by a Presa Canario, I am not sure I would enjoy the same graciousness. But a Labrador has that special mix of friendliness and approachability with their eyes seeming to say to each passerby "Won't you please feed me (subtext: "my owner starves me daily")?"

What does this mean to me as my dog's companion on these forays into the public realm? It means I live a richer life. It means I will more fully interact with the people I encounter. It means I will see more people smiling. It means I will have conversations with complete strangers, who might just not be strangers for long. It means my day will generally have more joy than it would without a dog by my side. My dogs are my ambassadors to the world at large.

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who came out and made our Show and Go a modest success. On the event horizon we have a Field Day and General Meeting coming up at Jones Lake (or maybe Ornbaun's in Cordelia - Stay Tuned) on Sept. 21st and our Specialty in October. Come out and have fun with your dogs!

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: Noel-Ann, Treasurer, 1690 Grizilo Drive, San Jose, CA 95124

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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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:

GGLRR 2515 Lexington Way, San Bruno, CA 94066

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

Thornwood's Singular Sensation (Dazzle)

(Ch Dickendall Davaron Gable x Thornwood's Delight)
Breeder/Owner: Cheri Conway Handler: Ellen Cottinham
5-8-08 Southern Oregon KC Winners Bitch,
Judge: Mr. Jon R. Cole
5-9-08 Southern Oregon KC Winners Bitch
Judge: Mr. Robert Stein
5-10-08 Klamath Dog Faniciers Winners Bitch/Best of
Breed
Judge: Mr. William Bergum
6-12-08 Pocatello K.C. Winners Bitch/Best of
Winners/Best Opposite Sex
Judge: Mr. James White
6-13-08 Pocatello K.C. Reserve Winners Bitch
Judge: Dolores Maltz
6-14-08 Eagle Rock K.C. Reserve Winners Bitch
Judge: Charles Hunt

All in her first six shows!!

Thornwood's Hot Chocolate (Macho)

(CH Thornwood's The Achiever x Thornwood's As Good As It Gets)
6-13-08 Pocatello K.C. Winners Dog/Best of Winners
Judge: Dolores Maltz

Thornwood's Www. Right Back Atcha

(Thornwood's Above and Beyond x Thornwood's No Equal)
Breeder: Cheri Conway Owner/Handler: Lorna Brandt
5-8-08 Southern Oregon KC Winners Dog
Judge: Mr. Jon Cole
5-10-08 Klamath Dog Fanciers Winners Dog
Judge: Mr. William Bergum

Thornwood's Love Beyond Measure (6 months old)

(Thornwood's Above and Beyond x Thornwood's No Equal)
Breeder: Cheri Conway Owner: Tracey Resnick
Handler: Robert Scott
5-9-08 Southern Oregon KC Reserve Winners Dog
Judge: Mr. Robert Stein

Marstad's Lady of Song (Ella)

Owner: by Marion & Michael Bashista Breed: Terri Herigstad
6-1-08 Del Monte KC earned her first agility Novice
Jumpers leg
6-15-08 Monterey Bay DTC first agility Novice Standard
6-24-08 She earned her CGC on June 2.

Ella also completed her Novice CD title in three straight shows finishing it on July 12 at the Del Monte KC show.

LITTER LISTINGS

Black & Yellow Puppies expected, June 23
Sire: CH Windfall's Pipe Major
OFA# LR-129358E24M-PI, LR-EL17876M24-PI
AVCO clear, Optigen B
Dam: Delby Marstad Black Pearl (major pted)
OFA# LR-166945G26F-PI, LR-EL34684F26-PI

CERF# LR-50218/07-35, Optigen A
Contact: Terri Herigstad (925)449-1584
marstad@aol.com

Yellow & Black Puppies expected, May 22
Sire: Thornwood's Above and Beyond
(almost finished Ch Lenches Teddy Bear son)
OFA# LR-170289G24M-PI, LR-EL36560M24-PI,
CERF LR-45716 (yearly), Optigen A
Dam: Thornwood's Eclipse
(Ch Dickendall Davaron Gable daughter)
OFA# LR-161963E24F-PI, LR-EL31996F24-PI,
CERF LR42628 (yearly)
Contact: Cheri Conway (541)723-2467

Chocolate Puppies expected July 4
Sire: Ch. Thornwood's Resolution
OFA# OFA LR-154123G24M-PI, OFA LR-EL28055M24-PI,
CERF LR-41956 (yearly), Optigen A
Dam: Thornwood's Puppy Love
(Ch Thornwood's The Achiever daughter)
OFA# LR-163557F24F-PI, OFA LR-EL32824-PI, CERF
LR-42629 (yearly)
Contact: Cheri Conway (541)723-2467

A QUOTE I LOVE!

"If it's not a Labrador Retriever, it's just a dog." T-Shirt Slogan

CAUGHT IN THE WEB

A reminder to stay abreast of all that is going on legislatively that may affect you and your rights to keep dogs, breed dogs, and show dogs. Here are the two groups that provide the most frequent updates.

PetPAC: <http://petpac.net/>

Concerned Dog Owners of California: <http://cdoca.org/>

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State Board of Equalization's Publications; Very Interesting!!
See article on sales tax later in newsletter.

<http://www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/pubs.cgi>

MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING

Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club Board Meeting
See attached minutes.

2008 SPECIALITY CATALOG ADVERTISING

Hi all!
The GGLRC speciality is fast approaching. It is time to submit ads for the catalog.

We will have a special Tribute to Martha Shaw section. Martha's parents and family will receive copies of the catalog.

Let's let them know how much Martha was admired as a person and appreciated for all her hard work for the club (President, Vice-President, & Show Chair). You may also focus on the dogs of hers you are fond of.

There will also be the traditional ads section which is a way for people to see your up and coming stars and/or accomplishments with your older dogs.

A full page is \$40 and a 1/2 page \$25. The final deadline to submit your ad(s) is noon Wednesday, September 3.

Send the photo, ad text, and check made out to GGLRC... to me at:
Jennifer Kelly
P.O. Box 425
Middletown, CA 95461
email: belgainlabs@mchsi.com

CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP LIST

Shirley Trotter has a new address: 11180 NW Old Cornelius Pass Road, Portland, OR 97231, and her new phone number is 503-629-0645.

NEW MEMBERS!!!

Abraham & Jamelle Trio, 128 Manhattan Dr, Vallejo CA and Barbara Wener, 1459 Wharton Wy Ste B, Concord CA applied for membership at the June 2008 Match and Show-n-Go obedience trial. They are eligible to become members after their next reading which will be at the General Membership meeting in September.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date(s)
Sierra Vista LRC Specialty	Aug 29-Sep 1
GGLRC Board Meeting, Pleasanton	Sep 10
GGLRC Field Test/Gen. Mtg. Jones Lake	Sep 21
GGLRC Specialty, Pleasanton	Oct 17-18
Del Valle Kennel Club, Pleasanton	Oct 19-20
High Desert LRC Specialty	Nov 10-11
GGLRC Board Meeting, Pleasanton	Nov 12
2007 Holiday Party (Approx Date)	Dec 13

2008 SPECIALTY REPORT

Our 2008 Specialty Show, Sweepstakes, Obedience Trial and Rally will be held Friday and Saturday, October 17 & 18 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA.

Our judges will be Karen Helmers (Paradocs), Sweepstakes; Philippe Lammens (of Misty Dreams, Belgium), all Conformation classes; Alvin Eng, Open and Utility Obedience; DeeDee Anderson, Novice and Non-regular Obedience classes; and Lissa Wall, Rally.

We are hoping to present a quality event with the theme "Making a Specialty Special" and in memory of Martha Shaw. To that end many hands are needed to help. I still need people to help Thursday afternoon with set up, to sell catalogs both

mornings, act as announcer, judges' lunches, coordinate catalog advertising, and I'm sure I've forgotten something ☺ The other thing that would really save the Club a lot of money is if someone with a travel trailer would be willing to allow the Club to use it for Judges' Hospitality over the two days. I will be contacting individual club members to ask for help. Please consider donating your time to help with our Club's premiere event for the year.

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LEGISLATION

Write Your Letters!!!!

AB 1634

PetPAC - Bill Hemby's latest communication:

Dear Melinda,
The California Department of Finance opposes AB 1634, the mandatory pet sterilization bill. In their analysis of the legislation they state: "[AB 1634] may result in more animals being abandoned or surrendered...the result would be an increase in the General Fund costs...the bill is also unclear in its definition of the term 'complaint', there is a concern the complaint may be unsubstantiated. Read the full report.

So let's set the record straight. AB 1634 will:

1. Result in more animals being abandoned or surrendered and ultimately sent to their death.
2. Cost California taxpayers millions of additional dollars
3. Allow unsubstantiated complaints to be used, forcing pet owners to sterilize their dogs and cats.

We must stop AB 1634 now! Our opponents including PETA and the Humane Society who support this crazy legislation are spending millions of dollars to push their disastrous agenda. They are using AB 1634 to push a nationwide agenda for mandatory pet sterilization.

Will you help us today? Please write or call your State Senator and contribute to PetPAC today.

PetPAC continue to lead the fight to stop AB 1634. We need your help to win. Our pet owner rights and our pets are at stake!

Sincerely,
Bill Hemby

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AB 2291 Assemblyman Tony Mendoza (D-56th)
Add a check off box to California State Income Tax Form for Spay and Neuter Fund
Letters to Robert Baird

State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0056
FAX - (916) 319-2156

Passed the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee on a 5-2 vote and will now move to Appropriations.

SB 1771 Senator Ron Calderon (D-30th)
Add forfeiture language to dog fighting law.
Letters to Rocky Rushing
Capitol Office
State Capitol, Room 4088
Sacramento, CA 95814
FAX - (916) 327-8755

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AB 1969 Assembly Member George Plescia
Increased penalties for crimes against dogs and horses

AB 1938 A tax credit for partial costs of spaying and neutering animals
Revenue and Taxation - Hearing Not Set
Letters to Assembly Member George Plescia
State Capitol Building Room 3141
Sacramento, CA 94249-0075

This is the time to show that we are a force, for or against a bill. Thank you.

UC DAVIS DOG BLOOD BANK ADDS SATURDAY HOURS

June 10, 2008

To better meet the needs of dog owners in surrounding communities, the UC Davis Veterinary Blood Bank will initiate monthly Saturday appointments beginning June 21.

Subsequent Saturday appointments will be scheduled for the last Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. During these appointments, blood will be drawn from current canine donors and potential blood-donor dogs will be screened.

"Many dog owners have been interested in enrolling their dogs as blood donors but find it difficult to make weekday appointments," said Dr. Sean Owens, the blood bank's medical director and head of the Transfusion Medicine Service at UC Davis' William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital.

"On a weekday, we're able to see six to eight dogs, but by enlisting the help of veterinary students, we'll be able to see as many as 30 dogs on each of the scheduled Saturdays," Owens said.

The blood bank collects, processes and stores canine blood needed for transfusions to treat a variety of conditions in dogs ranging from surgical complications to kidney failure. Since it opened in February, the blood bank has screened 124 dogs and enrolled 28 of those as donors.

In order to be blood donors, dogs must be 1 to 8 years old; weigh at least 55 pounds; be current on their flea, tick and heartworm preventive medications; and have never had puppies or been pregnant.

The animal's first visit to the blood bank will last for about a half hour. During that appointment, the dogs will be given health checks and have their blood typed. If they have the universal blood-donor type, they will be screened for infectious diseases. All dogs, no matter their blood type, will leave with a "goodie bag" full of treats in appreciation for their service.

If cleared for further donation, the animal can return in one to two months for a half-hour donation visit. If any health problems are detected, the owner will be advised to follow up with the dog's regular veterinarian.

Results from the screening will be kept on file at the blood bank and can be made available at any time to the dog's regular veterinarian.

Pet owners interested in having their dogs screened for donation may obtain more information or set up an appointment by calling the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at (530) 752-1393 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (option "O" on the automated message) or by e-mailing caninebloodbank@gmail.com.

Media contact(s):
• Sean Owens, UC Davis Veterinary Blood Bank, (530) 752-6160, sdownens@ucdavis.edu

CALIFORNIA WARNS PET SELLERS TO PAY TAXES

Posted Tuesday, April 8, 2008, 3:46 p.m., EST

Pet associations and pet and feed stores that they are required to report and pay sales tax on pet sales to Californians. The California Board of Equalization today began notifying pet associations and pet and feed stores that they are required to report and pay sales tax on pet sales to Californians.

The tax board estimates about \$14 million in sales tax on pet sales goes uncollected each year because pet sellers are not properly reporting and paying sales tax.

The state requires sales tax payments from pet stores and individual breeders, including backyard breeders, if they make at least two pet sales, regardless of size, within 12 months. Those businesses and individuals are also required to possess a California Seller's Permit, the tax board reported.

The state requires persons outside of California to register for a permit and report tax if they "deliver pets into California with their own vehicles or are otherwise engaged in business in California."

For example, participation in pet shows in California may be considered as being engaged in business in the state, the board wrote in a letter to pet associations and retailers.

In addition, Californians who purchase pets from out-of-state

sellers that do not charge use (same as sales) tax are required to report and pay use tax on these purchases on their annual state income tax return.

The tax board provided a detailed explanation of tax requirements in its August 2007 publication, "Buying and Selling Dogs, Cats and Other Non-Food Animals." <http://www.boe.ca.gov/pdf/pub122.pdf>

That information notes that tax applies to sales of dogs, cats, pet birds, pet reptiles, tropical fish, chinchillas, guinea pigs, rats, hamsters, mice, monkeys, horses, llamas and even earthworms.

Animal shelters and welfare organizations that charge fees related to animal adoptions are exempt from the tax requirements.

**PETA KILLS 97% OF ANIMALS IN ITS SHELTERS IN 2006
State Average is under 35%**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ – An official report from People for The Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), submitted nine months after a Virginia government agency's deadline, shows that the animal rights group put to death more than 97 percent of the dogs, cats, and other pets it took in for adoption in 2006. During that year, the well-known animal rights group managed to find adoptive homes for just 12 pets. The nonprofit Center for Consumer Freedom (CCF) is calling on PETA to either end its hypocritical angel-of-death program, or stop its senseless condemnation of Americans who believe it's perfectly ethical to use animals for food, clothing, and critical medical research.

Not counting animals PETA held only temporarily in its spay-neuter program, the organization took in 3,061 "companion animals" in 2006, of which it killed 2,981. According to Virginia's Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), the average euthanasia rate for humane societies in the state was just 34.7 percent in 2006. PETA killed 97.4 percent of the animals it took in. The organization filed its 2006 report this month, nine months after the VDACS deadline of March 31, 2007. "Pet lovers should be outraged," said CCF Director of Research David Martosko. "There are thousands of worthwhile animal shelters that deserve Americans' support. PETA is not one of them. "In courtroom testimony last year, a PETA manager acknowledged that her organization maintains a large walk-in freezer for storing dead animals, and that PETA contracts with a Virginia cremation service to dispose of the bodies. In that trial, two PETA employees were convicted of dumping dead animals in a rural North Carolina trash dumpster. Today in Southampton County, Virginia, another PETA employee will face felony charges in a dog-napping case. Andrea Florence Benoit Harris was arrested in late 2006 for allegedly abducting a hunting dog and attempting to transport it to PETA's Norfolk headquarters. "PETA raised over \$30 million last year," Martosko added, "and it's using that money to kill the only flesh-and-blood animals its employees actually see. The scale of PETA's hypocrisy is simply staggering. "To speak with a spokesman contact Tim Miller at 202-463-7112. For more information about PETA's massive euthanasia program,

visit <http://www.petakillsanimals.com/>. Center for Consumer Freedom

WORKING CERTIFICATE TEST

**Sept 21, 2008 - Jones Lake CA
(or maybe Ornbau's, Cordelia CA)**

Please see the attached regulations for the Working Certificate Test from the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. (our National Club).

We will be holding a test on the above date but need to ensure that the grounds can accommodate our needs. A Separate flyer will be on its way soon!!

ANNUAL AWARDS!!

Yep it's that time of year again. This year you have a new - much more efficient - Awards Chairperson. Drum Roll please!!

Michael Bashista!!

Thank you Michael for volunteering to take over this job. I've been doing it for awhile now and it will be nice to take a break. I'm sure that everyone will have something to send to Michael this year too as you have all been busy with your dogs. The awards period is from January 1, 2008 to December 1, 2008. If you missed out on some end of year awards last year just let us know and we will arrange to take care of them. The Awards Form is attached. Awards will be given out at the meeting in January 2009. A list of those earning awards is published in this newsletter, the catalog (although almost a year later) and the Labrador Quarterly.

General Meetings

General Meeting -WC Test Day
Location: Jones Lake, CA (OR Ornbaun's)
Sept. 21, 2008 @ Noonish

GGLRC Specialty, Pleasanton

General Meeting - Holiday Party
Sharon Ventura's House
Dec. 13, 2008 (STAY TUNED!!!)

Board Meetings

Board Meeting - Sept. 10, 2008
Location: Denny's, Pleasanton
Time: 7:15 pm

Oct 17-18

Board Meeting - Nov. 12, 2008
Location: Denny's, Pleasanton
Time: 7:15 pm



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