



Retriever Reflections

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Old dogs, young dogs, in between dogs - seems like I have about the worst split you can have age wise. I have a 15 years and 4 months old and a one year and 10 months old. I also have a nearly 9 year old. The 15 yr old does not think of herself as retired but is no longer capable of a three mile walk or roughhousing with the younger dogs (although she tries). The juvenile delinquent is not satisfied with a half to one mile walk. The 9 year old can go either way. No one wants to be left out of a training session. So I am now doing every thing in triplicate and it takes a huge amount of time. I also spend a lot of time trying to keep ahead of the severely under occupied juvenile - she is a very dedicated counter surfer but it isn't confined to food or the kitchen. Her view of the world is that people keep all the fun stuff up high and so you must search the top of the bed, crates, couch, scrapbook table, kitchen chairs (and table), counters, book shelves, etc. Things that get the best reactions are pens (still hasn't figured out how to write yet but keeps stealing them anyway), kitchen shears, plastic bags, watches, and keys (those stupid electric fobs cost a fortune). So we are thankful that the weather is pleasant and we can take the laptop outside where the pear tree provides distractions and I can work without having to get up more than once every half hour to rescue something.

My deepest apologies for the lateness of this newsletter!

Melinda Grosch, Editor

With hindrance from Lydia (the young & restless) and Jess (the oldster) and some assistance from Justin (the good)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

No President's Message for this newsletter.

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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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Liz 415-898-9402
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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

WINROC VAREKAI

(Ch. Waifin's Topform Conundrum RN ex Ch. Winroc Online RN, JH),
Breeder: Marianne Foote co-owned with former GGLRC
President, Joan Kerr

June 11, 2009 Shasta Kennel Club
Reserve Winners Bitch
Judge: Walter Pinsker

June 12, 2009 Shasta Kennel Club
Reserve Winners Bitch
Judge: Carl J. Anderson

Butte County K.C., June 13, 2009, Reserve Winners Bitch,
Judge: Patricia A. Gellerman

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

When you provide information for brags please include the

Dog's Full Registered Name, Sire & Dam, Call Name, Breeder:
Owner, Event, Date, Award, and Judge's Name.

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LITTER LISTINGS

CH Belgain Shadowbrook Dream Time (Jilley)

OFA Hips: LR-155116G24F-PI
OFA Elbows: LR-EL28594F24-PI
OFA Heart: LR-CA2750/48F/C-PI-ECHO
OFA Cerf: LR-48069 (Tested 06. 08. 08)
Optigen: Normal Clear by Parentage

has been bred to

BISS CH Blackwing Superfine (Big)

OFA Hips: LR-160523G24M-PI
OFA Elbows: LR- EL31270M24-PI
OFA Cerf: LR-43508 (Tested 2009)
Optigen: Carrier

Puppies due mid-July.
Ron and Jennifer Kelly
belgaim@yahoo.com
707 987 8163

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A QUOTE I LOVE!

"A, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like
it." Russell Baker

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CAUGHT IN THE WEB

An interesting British field training site:

<http://www.thegundogclub.co.uk/index.html>

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MINUTES

**Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club
BOARD MEETING JULY 8, 2009**

I. Call to order

The board meeting of the GGLRC was called to order at
7:45pm at Denny's, Pleasanton, CA by Allen Garfinkle.

II. Roll call

Allen Garfinkle, Marilou Garfinkle, Nancy Yamada, Terri
Herigstad, David Rowinski and Sharon Ventura.

The minutes of the May 2009 Board meeting were approved
as published in RR.

III. Reports

Secretary: (Absent)

Treasurer: Nancy Yamada submitted current statements.
Updating of bank signature cards almost completed. Still
looking for \$200 from Rescue for the Labrador Retriever in
Northern California booklets. Allen will follow up with rescue.
Field day brought in \$300; Show N Go huge success. Big
thanks to Connie Holms on the event.

Nancy figuring which expense items should be covered under
membership dues. Expenses support \$5 increase of current
dues to \$40.00 single/\$45.00 family. Matter taken under
consideration.

Committee Reports:

Show and Go/Match: Big success. Judges gifts biggest
expense, but decided that is a necessary part in insuring the
future success of the event. Working towards a larger event
next year, need to increase conformation participation and
need more support from club to run the event.

Specialty: Proceeding on schedule. New class for this year will
be Owner/Amateur Handler (regular class) which should
generate a lot of interest. Lori Bellows again on line for
contract /travel arrangements for judges.

Membership: Sharon Ventura reported two new membership
applications. (Christine Valdez, Nick & Yvonne Zaboukos). Also,
Membership Roster published in last Newsletter thanks to
Melinda. Still need to fine tune and make sure the list is
updated with current information. Part of the problem of
getting the membership out was the entire list had to be
regenerated since the data was lost on the old website. This
involves cross checking with multiple sources. Sharon will do
a final update and any changes will be submitted for next RR
issue.

Field: Training day with Cathy Mason scheduled for July 25th at
Jones Lake (Ornbauns currently does not have water, event
originally was planned to be there). Melinda reports 8 entries
received so far.

IV. Unfinished Business

Nominating committee: needs to be put in place. Possible

candidates; Connie, Carol White, Georgia Baba. Suggestion made at least one committee member hold over from last year, just to facilitate the nominating committee's procedures. Website Progress: Sharon will contact Michael Batista. The board feels the membership only section would be a priority to revive. Retriever Reflections is usually published there. Also, once roster is approved, need to get membership list back on website.

Supported Entries: coming up: Richmond Dog Fanciers Aug 1 & 2, 2009. Need to hold general membership meeting at event.

Next board meeting: September 9, 2009

Trailer Maintenance: Terri brought the trailer up to date with 2 new tires/bearings packed/ lights replaced as needed.

V. New Business

SB 250: club is updating membership via email, Allen Garfinkle has listed GGLRC on another list representing opposition to SB250.

Meetings: Need to get back on schedule with General Meetings. Have missed 2 that are normally at scheduled events. Have scheduled a general meeting to be held at the Richmond Show.

CERF Clinic: Terri Herigstad to host CERF clinic in August 26. She will double check date and confirm.

VI. Adjournment

Allen Garfinkle adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.
Minutes submitted by: Sharon Ventura
Minutes approved by:

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MEMBERSHIP

Applied for membership:

Christine Valdez
Nick & Yvonne Zaboukos

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date(s)
CERF Exam Clinic - Terri Herigstad's	Aug 26
Board Meeting	Sept 9
Field Day/WC/General Meeting	Sept 26
GGLRC Specialty/Obedience & Rally Trial	Oct 16 & 17
Del Valle Dog Club Supported Entries	Oct 18 & 19
Field Training Day/Working Certificate	Oct/Nov TBD
Board Meeting	Nov 11
Holiday Party & General Meeting	Dec TBA

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OUT & ABOUT ... July & August, 2009

By Jennifer Kelly

No "Out & About" this newsletter. Jennifer, Ron and the boys went to Montana - maybe Jennifer will tell us about it next time.

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EYE CLINIC

As a service to the breed, the GGLRC sponsors a low cost annual eye exam each year in August.

This year Dr Dennis Hacker will be available Wed, Aug 26 at 10 AM at Terri Herigstad's house in Livermore. The cost of this CERF exam is \$20.00 per dog. We need to have 20 dogs signed up for this clinic to get this lower price.

If you have breeding dogs you need to get them CERF'ed every year and this is a great opportunity to get a reduced price.

Please let Terri know if you are planning to come as soon as you can so she can get the forms ready for you to fill out.

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GGLRC SPECIALITY SHOW AND SUPPORTED ENTRIES

TROPHIES:

Hello GGLRC members and friends!

It is that time of year again when we have to think about the GGLRC Specialty show in October. You might say it is too early for this request but it takes a lot of work and money to put on a show and we count on members and friends to help out. So once again I, as the Trophy Donation Chairman, am soliciting for donations for the Trophies to be handed out to the winners and placers.

Contact Ruth Hertzog and find out what trophies remain to be sponsored. Make sure that you know how you want your donation to be noted on the the Trophy tag. Such as...your name, kennel name, in memory of, dog's name etc., etc.

If you wish, you do not have to pay now but let me know before the end of August so your name can be listed in the catalog as a contributor. There is a deadline for catalog entry.

Checks should be made out to GGLRC and send to:

Ruth Hertzog
1870 Pitzer Way
Los Banos, CA 93635
PH: 209-826-9440
hollyhill@dslextreme.com

Thank you so very much for your support and your donation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ruth Hertzog
Trophy Donation Chairman

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CATALOG ADVERTISEMENTS

Hi GGLRC members,

Support the club and your dogs, by ADVERTISING in the GGLRC CATALOG! We are having the regular show/obedience/field section and then a special Labs Being Labs section. The latter is a fun section showing off whatever your Lab loves to do, whether it is sleeping on the couch or diving into the pond or ??! Photos and text must be at Jennifer Kelly's by August 27. Sorry you can't give them to me at SVLRC as it won't give me time to get them to the superintendent. \$40 for full page and \$25 for half page. For a full page ad you also receive a free catalog at the show, and two free raffle tickets. For a 1/2 page ad you get two free raffle tickets. Mail pictures, text copy, and check made out to GGLRC to: Jennifer Kelly, P.O. Box 425, Middletown, CA 95461. If you have any questions you can reach me at 707 987 8163 or belgairn@yahoo.com.

Thanks, Jennifer Kelly

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FIELD TRAINING DAYS AND WORKING CERTIFICATE TEST

The Field training day on Saturday, July 25th. at Jones Lake was lightly attended but productive for those of us in attendance. The weather was cooperative with the fog staying in until mid-day and returning mid-afternoon. Cathy and Sharon arranged a nice set of three retrieves on land of varying lengths that could be worked as single marks or doubles or a triple. Work on believing that the object really is THAT far away was need by many dogs. This is a common enough problem for those of us that only get to throw objects for our dogs in the yard or dog park. They get used to stuff being only so far way.

The next training day is planned for Saturday, September 26th. at Ornbaun Kennels in Suisun. The location is highly dependent on whether there is water at Ornbaun's or not.

Hopefully, there will be water there by Saturday, October 31st. (Halloween!!). Since that is where we have been planning for the final field day and WC.

Rules for the LRC, Inc.'s WC Test can be found on their website: www.thelabradorclub.com.

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CALIFORNIA SB 250 - PASSES SENATE

Perhaps it will have been killed by the time you get this but the sponsors and supporters are making one last push before the end of this session on August 27, 2009.

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WEBSITES DEVOTED TO ANIMAL LEGISLATION

Keep checking them. Sign-up with all of them to receive updates - yes, you will be overwhelmed!! However, you will also be informed and they often provide you with all the tools you need to prepare a statement and get it into the hands of our representatives with a minimum of fuss.

PetPAC
<http://petpac.net/>

National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA)
<http://www.naiatrust.org/index.htm>

Concerned Dog Owners of California (CDOCA)
<http://www.cdoca.org/>

Save Our Dogs
<http://saveourdogs.net/>

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THE LABRADOR RETRIEVER IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

This booklet covers a variety of topics such as inherited diseases that Labradors are prone to, titles your dogs can earn from AKC, a brief overview of the Labrador in a "frequently asked questions" format, etc. Each club member gets one free (they must be picked-up at a meeting or event - contact Terri Herigstad or Allen Garfinkle). These make great little booklets to put into your puppy packets or to distribute to that prospective Labrador owner you have been talking with. Extra copies are available for \$5, again, contact Allen Garfinkle or Terri Herigstad.

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AVOIDING HEAT RELATED INJURIES IN DOGS

by Nate Baxter, DVM

The first thing that needs to be understood is that dogs and people are different enough that most of the info cannot cross lines. Dogs do not lose enough electrolytes thru exercise to make a difference, but if the dog gets truly into heat stroke, the physiology changes will make them necessary. BUT oral replacement at that point is futile, they need intravenous fluids and electrolytes and lots of it.

Cooling: Evaporative cooling is the most efficient means of cooling. However, in a muggy environment, the moisture will not evaporate so cooling does not happen well. I cool with the coldest water I can find and will use ice depending on the situation. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact with the skin. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm

next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can run water over the dog and place it in front of a fan that is the best. Misting the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan. Just getting the dog wet is not the point, you want the water to be cool itself, or to evaporate.

For MOST situations all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, in shade, or in the cab of the truck with the air conditioning on (driving around so the truck does not overheat and the AC is more efficient). Up to a couple of years ago, I was very concerned about my dogs getting too hot in the back of my black pickup with a black cap. New white truck fixed a lot of that problem. When I had one dog I just pulled the wire crate out of the car and put it in some shade and hopefully a breeze. But having 2 dogs and running from one stake to another, that was not feasible. So I built a platform to put the wire crates on, this raises the dog up in the truck box where the air flow is better. Then I placed a 3 speed box fan in front blowing on the dogs with a foot of space to allow better airflow. I purchased a power inverter that connects to the battery and allows the 3 speed fan to run from the truck power. It has an automatic feature that prevents it from draining the battery. When I turned that fan on medium I would find that the dogs were asleep, breathing slowly and appeared very relaxed and comfortable in a matter of 20 minutes or less, even on very hot muggy days.

Alcohol: I do carry it for emergencies. It is very effective at cooling due to the rapid evaporation. It should be used when other methods are not working. You should be on your way to the veterinarian before you get to this point. We recommend using rubbing alcohol, which is propylene alcohol, not ethyl, for those of you not aware. So do not try to drink it. Alcohol should be used on the pads and lower feet area where there is little more than skin and blood vessels over the bones. Use a little bit and let it evaporate, you can use too much as some is absorbed through the skin. There are concerns about toxicity, but you have to get the temperature down.

I purchased those cooling pads that you soak in cold water, but found that the dogs would not lay on them. I would hold them on the back of a dog that just worked to get a quick cool, but have not used them for years. I also bought a pair of battery operated fans but found them pretty useless. Spend your money on the power inverter and get a real fan.

Watching temperature: If you feel your dog is in danger of heat injury, check its temp and write it down. Keep checking the temp every 3 minutes. I recommend to get a "rectal glass thermometer. The digital ones from the drug store I have found to be very unreliable. Don't forget to shake it down completely each time, sounds silly, but when you are worried about your companion, things tend to get mixed up. This is VERY IMPORTANT* * once the temp STARTS to drop, STOP ALL COOLING EFFORTS. The cooling process will continue even though you have stopped. If the temp starts at 106.5, and then next time it drops to 105.5, stop cooling the dog, dry it off, and continue monitoring. You will be amazed how it continues to go down. If you do not stop until the temp is 102, the temp will drop way too low. I cannot emphasize this point enough.

When the dog is so heated that it is panting severely, only let it have a few laps of water. Water in the stomach does not cool the dog, you just need to keep the mouth wet so the panting is more effective. Do not worry about hydration until the temp has started down. A dog panting heavily taking in large amounts of water is a risk of bloat. Due to the heavy panting they will swallow air, mixed with a large amount of water they can bloat. Once the temp is going down and panting has slowed to more normal panting then allow water. The dog will rehydrate itself after temp is normal. If the dog has a serious problem and even though you have gotten the temp normal, get the dog to a vet, as it can still need IV fluids and some medication. Also, a case of heat stroke can induce a case of hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (not parvo), with a ton of very bloody diarrhea and a lot of fluid and electrolyte loss. These cases need aggressive treatment.

The best method of treatment is prevention. Learn to watch your dog, and see the changes in the size of the tongue, and how quickly it goes down. Learn your dogs response to the different environments, and be careful when you head south for an early season hunt test or trial. I have been to Nashville at the end of May, only 5 hours away, but the difference in temp and humidity did effect the dogs as they were used to more spring weather in Ohio. Try different things in training to help the dog cool and learn what works better. Another very important point => Do not swim your hot dog to cool it then put in put in a box/tight crate. Remember, evaporation can not take place in a tight space, and the box will turn into a sauna and you will cook your dog. Carry a stake out chain, and let the dog cool and dry before putting it up. I demonstrated this lesson this spring with my 10 month old pup. After doing a 15 minute session in yard drill on a warm 70+ degree day, she was panting pretty hard and was pretty hot. She was OK but it was time to stop. Just for the heck of it I took her temp. She was 103.6, above normal but too bad for a dog that had just finished working. In my back yard I have a 300 gallon Rubbermaid tub filled with water. I took her to it and she jumped in and out 3-4 times. She appeared totally improved, tongue was much smaller, and eyes brighter and her full spring was back into her step. So I re-took her temp and it was 104.2, so even though she looked better she was hotter. This is a perfect lesson to show not get a hot dog wet and then put them in a box. The water on her skin caused the blood vessels to constrict, decreasing blood flow to the skin. Therefore the hot blood was shunted back to the dog's core and retained the heat. You may have felt the same thing, after exercising but still being very warm, take a shower and get cooled off but as soon as you turn the shower off you start sweating again.

I know this is a bit long, but hopefully this is easy to understand and helps provide some useful information.

Remember: Prevention, learn your dog. It is worth the time and effort.

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From: **Telegraph.co.uk**

Black labradors are not likely to kill, judges rule

A dog walker has failed in a long-running legal bid to establish that the black labrador – a popular family pet – is a dangerous breed.

By Auslan Cramb

Published: 7:17PM BST 09 Jul 2009

Patricia Welsh, 56, a former college lecturer, claimed £160,000 damages after being knocked down by one of the dogs, severely injuring her leg.

Black labradors are considered ideal for young families because of their gentle and playful natures, but Mrs Welsh's compensation case rested on persuading the courts that they are likely to attack humans.

She had been exercising her golden retriever Cava in a field near her home when the offending labrador – named Ebony – collided with her leg, forcing her to undergo reconstructive surgery.

Mrs Welsh raised an action at the Court of Session in Edinburgh against Neil Brady, 35, the dog's owner, seeking compensation following the incident in March, 2005.

But last year a judge ruled against her and warned that the courts must not contribute to "the creation of a society bent in litigation".

Lord Malcolm said: "In my view, what occurred was an unfortunate and unforeseen collision. It was a pure accident."

"If the law was to consider a labrador running in a field as something which is dangerous in itself, this would come close to making dog owners insurers in respect of all injuries and damage caused by their animals."

Lawyers acting for Mrs Welsh, from Wellbank near Dundee, appealed against the decision but three judges have now ruled that black labradors are not likely to "injure severely or kill persons or animals".

The legal challenge was heard in Edinburgh by the appeal judges Lord Nimmo Smith, Lady Dorrian and Sir David Edward QC and was based on the liability of the keeper of an animal under the 1987 Animals (Scotland) Act.

The legislation states that a person will be liable for injury or damage caused if the animal belongs to a species that is generally likely to seriously injure or kill or cause damage to property.

Sir David Edward said the argument by Mrs Welsh's legal team "went no distance at all" towards demonstrating that black labradors fell into that category.

Ebony, a labrador bitch, was described in court as large, lively and boisterous. She was excitable but not aggressive, although she did not always respond to commands.

The court heard that Mrs Welsh and Mr Brady, who live in the same village, were both out walking their dogs and the animals

were running together in a field. When Mrs Welsh called her dog they both ran towards her and Ebony struck her on the inside of the knee.

She was taken to hospital by ambulance and later underwent surgery. The former childcare and nursery lecturer said she was unable to return to work.

Labradors are the most popular dogs in Britain, in terms of number of registered owners. Although they originate from Newfoundland on the east coast of Canada, they came to prominence after being bred as hunting dogs by the Earls of Malmesbury in the 19th Century, earning affection for their energy, loyalty and obedience.

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SAGO PALM WARNING

Greetings from the Burnt Hills Veterinary Hospital. Our goal is to make our clients the most educated pet owners in the community.

Recently the home improvement stores have stocked their shelves with a plant called the "Sago Palm." This is a decorative houseplant that you may be tempted to purchase.

If your pets ingest ANY part of this plant it will cause liver failure. Even with aggressive veterinary treatment 70% of these pets will die. We implore you to keep your household free of this plant. We are devastated when we are unable to help your pets.

Go to our website and get a look at this plant.

www.burnthillsvethosp.com

We hope this will help keep your pets safe. Feel free to give us any feedback on this information and any other topics you would like to be educated about.

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General Meetings

General Meeting - To Be Determined
Location: To Be Determined
Date/Time: To Be Determined

Board Meetings

Board Meeting - September 9, 2009
Location: Denny's Pleasanton
Time: 7:15 p.m.



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