

# Retriever Reflections

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#### **EDITOR'S MESSAGE**

Christmas is almost upon us and the turn of a new year! 2010, can it be possible? Hope that everyone has much to look forward to and that participating in one or more of GGLRC's activities is on you New Year' Resolution list. In this issue you will find a report on the Speciality by our hard working Show Chair, Terri Herigstad, a list of the winners from our Specialty weekend, Membership Renewal form, Annual Meeting announcement, Notice of Election of Officers and Board Members, and some Holiday Shopping information.

Melinda Grosch, Editor

# **ELECTIONS!!**

We are having a somewhat out of sink year and the Nominating Committee has not completed a slate of candidates for Officers and Board Members yet. There are a number of people who have been willing to do various jobs but who will be doing what has not been determined. SO you will have to come to the Annual Meeting in January to find out all about it and place your votes for leadership in the next year.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our President is at sea again so no message this time.

Allen Garfinkle, President

# Publisher's Statement:

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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

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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.

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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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# **BRAGS**

# MARSTAD'S LADY OF SONG CD OA OAJ NF RN - "Ella"

Breeder: Terri Herigstad

JWW title

Owners/Trainers: Marion & Michael Bashista

November 14 &15, 2009 NORCAL Golden Retriever Club agility trial 4<sup>th</sup>. Open Jumpers With Weaves and finishing her

She also earned her first two Open FAST legs with 1st and 4th place finishes.

# **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

Sire: Thornwood's Above and Beyond

(pointed son, Ch Lenches Teddy Bear)
OFA hips LR-170289G24M-PI
OFA elbows LR-EL36560M24-PI,
CERF yearly LR-45716
Optigen A

Dam: Thornwood's Eclipse

(Clark daughter)

OFA hips LR-161963E24F-PI OFA elbows LR-EL31996F24-P CERF LR-42628 yearly

BLACK and YELLOW litter, born 9-30-09 Contact: Cheri Conway (541)723-2467

forlabs@centurytel.net

Sire: CH Thornwood's The Achiever

OFA hips LR-107026G24M-T OFA elbows LR-EL11008M24-T CERF LR-22860 yearly

Dam: Thornwood's Anticipation
[Ch Thornwood's Resolution daughter]

OFA hips LR-171497G24F-PI OFA elbows LR-EL37254F24-PI CERF LR-45719 yearly

CHOCOLATE litter, born 10-2-09 Contact: Cheri Conway [541]723-2467 forlabs@centurytel.net

# A QUOTE I LOVE!

"Animals are not brethren, they are not underlings; they are other nations, caught with ourselves in the net of life and time." Henry Beston

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# **CAUGHT IN THE WEB**

I got two e-mails on this. I figured I would include the text as well as the website. Editor.

"Can you help to spread the word that the Amanita phalloides, the death cap mushroom, has come out in full force since the rains started. We had one death at Lake 2 weekends ago, and PETS emergency clinic in Berkeley called on Friday and said they have had 3 deaths in 6 days - all from the Oakland area.

The mushrooms have a sweet odor (like honey) and are attractive to some dogs (whose owners report they actually seek them out to eat them). They are really non descript little white mushrooms.

The toxic effects appear about 6-36 hours after the mushrooms are eaten, and once signs are seen the toxicity is poorly responsive to treatment (we try a lot of things to support the animal, but if enough mushrooms were eaten it will be fatal despite the treatment).

If someone suspects their dog may have eaten a mushroom, the best treatment is to take the dog immediately to a vet or emergency clinic and have them induce vomiting and give activated charcoal. The mushroom toxin is absorbed fairly rapidly, but the damage to the liver can take hours before it is clinically apparent. Don't waste time trying to figure out if the mushroom is toxic as speed in removing the mushroom from the digestive system is the most important thing in my experience."

Here is a link with some pictures <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amanita\_phalloides">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amanita\_phalloides</a>

Shael L. Barger

MINUTES GOLDEN GATE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB

# BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 11, 2009

A quorum was not met preventing business from being conducted. The meeting became a brainstorming session about possibilities for future Specialties. Present were Melinda Grosch, Terri Herigstad, Connie Holm, and David Rowinski. Absent were Denise Klemm, Nancy Yamada, Sharon Scharff Ventura, and Allen and Marilou Garfinkle.

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# **MEMBERSHIP**

No new applications at this time.

Sadly one of our members passed away in October. Here is the note from Shelley Ellison:

Hi all,

I just saw Mary Ann Harral in the obituaries of my Sunday

paper. She passed away on October 5th at age 80. She was one of my sponsors when I joined, 5 years ago. I met her at a shown go, she was such a nice lady with her beautiful black dog Bart, and her husband Al. Is she still a member? I just thought I would mention it for the next newsletter?

I had fun at the show, see you all soon, Shelley

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#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### 2010

Event	Date(s)
Annual meeting - Terri Herigstad's House	Jan. 10
Cow Palace - Information Table	Jan. 30 & 31
Judges: Beth Swiegart and Peter	Bane
Sho and Go - Cal State East Bay (Hayward)	June 6
Annual Specialty, Pleasanton	Oct 22 & 23

# OUT & ABOUT ... November/December, 2009 By Jennifer Kelly

No "Out & About" this newsletter.

GOLDEN GATE LARRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB

# GOLDEN GATE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB 2009 AWARDS

We know you've been out there working hard with your dogs and many of you have earned titles in either conformation or a performance event - or BOTH! Don't wait until the busy holiday season to start filling out your awards information start now!

This year the awards period is January 1, 2009 to December 1, 2009. Send your information to awards chair, Michael Bashista, 115 Cleveland Ave., Santa Cruz CA 95060-3505. If you have questions please call 831-426-7316 or e-mail Postmaster@bashista.com. Forms are located towards the end of the newsletter. Completed forms MUST BE RECEIVED BY December 1, 2009. Please make checks payable to GGLRC. Payment must be included with request for award.

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# GOLDEN GATE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB 2009 SPECIALTY REPORT

Our Specialty Show, Sweepstakes, Obedience and Rally Trials were held Friday and Saturday, October 16 & 17, 2009 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA. We had beautiful weather for a very relaxed and social event. Our entry was about the same as last year, which is still down considerably, I'm sure due to the poor economy.

Our judges were Arwyn Ellis, Dolwen Labradors, UK for the Breed Classes; Dan Clark, Everwood Labradors, for Sweepstakes; Dorin Ladd and Lora Cox for the Obedience and Rally Trials. They were all most gracious with their time in giving their opinions of our Labradors in the different venues.

I would like to thank all the people who helped to put on this quality event. If I start to list people individually, I'm sure I will forget someone so I'll leave it that I appreciate all the time and effort everyone put into our weekend. Our Club is known for its hospitality and our show reflects the work of a lot of people.

Unfortunately, we lost money this year. The Officers and Board have been brainstorming with ways to maintain the quality of our event without losing the special part of our specialty. Some ideas put forward have been to go to a one day show, two shows in two days, or continue with our current format. This decision has been somewhat made for us by the Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore with whom we are associated. They have decided to invite the Skyline Dog Fanciers of San Mateo County to join them on their show weekend. As it stands now, Skyline DF would host their shows that Thursday and Friday; specialties would be held Saturday; and Del Valle DC would host their shows Sunday and Monday. We can specify that the Labrador classes at either of the all breed shows be our specialty as well as our own event held separately on Saturday. We can also coordinate with Skyline and Del Valle to hire Labrador breeder judges at their shows. This would make for a circuit of 5 shows in one weekend. Quite an undertaking, and I don't know who can take that kind of time off for that many days of dog shows which could change the nature of our specialty.

If you have any thoughts on this topic, please feel free to contact any of the Officers or Board members. You can contact me at marstad@aol.com with any ideas you may have.

Congratulations to all the winners at our Specialty and the supported entries the following days. Complete results for our show are linked on our web site <a href="www.gglrc.org">www.gglrc.org</a>. I look forward to hearing any ideas for next year.

Terri Herigstad GGLRC Specialty Show Chair

# GOLDEN GATE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB 2010 SPECIALTY SHOW WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners at our Specialty this year!

Best of Breed CH Talimar's Stellar Performance Judie Lynch & Trudy Rose

Best of Opposite Sex CH Thistledown Tornado Warning Irlanne Warren

Best of Winners & Winners Bitch Blackthorn Spirit Of Texas Danny & Deborah Neal & Barbara Gilchrist

Winners Dog Mulbury's Logan Shirley Trotter & Janet Bennett

Judges Award Of Merit CH Marstad Night Blooming Jasmine Allen & Marilou Garfinkle & Terri Herigstad CH HyspireSurShotJuz Bcuz lam Hot Jan Grannemann & Tori Jackson

Best Puppy Arlon's Noxzema Jackson Georgia Baba

Best Bred By Exhibitor Broyhill Gemstone Barbara & Kimberly Nowak

Highest Scoring Dog In The Regular Classes Beauble's Shadow Dancer RA MX MXJ MXF Debra Chun

High Combined Score in Open B & Utility Red River's There's Always Hope UCX TD JH RN Ann Begun

# Del Valle DC supported entries

10/18/09 Judge Sharon Celentano

BOB CH HyspireSurShot Juz Bcuz lam Hot BOS CH Marstad Night Blooming Jasmine BOW & WD Belgairn Hart Ranch Naruto WB Eikens Saphira The Dragoness JAM CH Delby Marstad Black Pearl

10/19/09 Judge Joan Savage

BOB CH Delby Marstad Black Pearl
BOS CH Thistledown Tornado Warning
BOW & WB Trillium's Kind Of Cheesy
WD Kelton's Finest Hour
JAM CH Marstad Night Blooming Jasmine

# **GOLDEN GATE KENNEL CLUB BENCHED SHOW**

The Golden Gate Kennel Club is holding its 105th & 106th benched shows on Saturday & Sunday, January 3o & 31, 2010 at the Cow Palace in Daly City. Our Club has been given the opportunity to host a breed information table both days.

The table needs to be manned from 10 AM to 5 PM both days. We provide advice and written information, which the Club provides. This is a wonderful place for us to counteract the negative publicity given dog owners and breeders. The show attracts huge numbers of spectators and has many rare breeds on exhibit as well as being a great place to shop of all things doggie.

If you could spare a bit of your time to help it would be greatly appreciated. You don't need to commit your entire day, an hour or two would be a big help. Please contact Terri Herigstad [marstad@aol.com or 925-449-1684].

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#### FIELD TRAINING DAYS AND WORKING CERTIFICATE TEST

From the Field: Good News/Bad News
Good News is the Jones Lake property will still be available for
the club; Bad News is we will not be able to use for our Working
Certificate test—no poppers or shooting on the property any
longer. In the very least the test requires popper guns in the
field, so we will have to set up our WC test elsewhere. The
other property we have used in the past, Ornbaun's in Fairfield
is an actual duck club so that is closed to dog training during
waterfowl season! Alas, our next training day and working
certificate test will have to be pushed into 2010, which
unfortunately is not as far away as it sounds!!!

This, of course, gives everyone ample opportunity to work on off leash obedience so everyone is ready to pass the test? Right?

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

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# WEBSITES DEVOTED TO ANIMAL LEGISLATION

Keep checking them. Sign-up with all of them to receive updates.

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/

# 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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# LABRADOR RETREIVER CLUB, INC.

The national specialty show and events will be held in California next year! It will be in southern California - not here in the north - but it will be closer to us than it will be for three more years (when it will return to the west coast again).

Start planning to attend now!

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#### ADVANTAGE FLEA PRODUCT ALERT

Dog stuck in crate highlights rare risk of spot-on flea treatment October 7, 2009 By: Edie Lau For The VIN News Service "VIN" is "Veterinary Information Network" http://news.vin.com/

Got this through the Hangtown Kennel Club List via member Pam LaVallee who has this comment:

"Alcohol, in any form, is not a listed ingredient in Frontline plus but the safety precautions would lead me to suspect benzyl alcohol is present in Frontline also. I intend to check on that - but at any rate, it would seem safer to apply and give it time for any alcohols to evaporate, before crating your dogs!"

A veterinarian presented with a peculiar case of a poodle stuck in its crate last week traced the problem to the pet's spot-on flea treatment. Residue from the product Advantage, which was applied between the poodle's shoulders, somehow came in contact with the plastic base of the animal's crate, dissolving the plastic and causing it to adhere to the dog's belly. When the dog wouldn't come out of its crate the next morning, its concerned owner brought the dog, crate and all, to Dr. Tej Dhaliwal of North Town Veterinary Hospital in Ontario, Canada. Following two hours of sleuthing, Dhaliwal concluded that benzyl alcohol, an inactive ingredient in Advantage, was to blame.

Bayer Animal Health, maker of Advantage, acknowledged that the flea treatment was the likely culprit and offered to pay the owner's veterinary bill, compensate him for loss of salary and replace the crate, Dhaliwal said.

Bob Walker, a spokesman for Bayer in the United States, confirmed that Advantage contains benzyl alcohol, which reacts with certain plastics. He said he consulted with colleagues in veterinary services and was told, "We know it can happen, but we've never seen it."

Walker said a lead veterinarian in the department thought that most of the veterinary community was aware of the potential for the product to react with plastic. Walker said that he personally had not heard of such a thing before. He added, "My counsel would be, if you're not aware, you need to be aware."

The incident certainly surprised Dhaliwal, a practitioner for 13 years, who posted his experience in an online discussion board

of the Veterinary Information Network (VIN). Some veterinarians said they were familiar with the potential for the product to damage plastic, but many were astonished by the news

Dhaliwal said the owner of the dog, a 15-year-old poodle mix, had applied Advantage to the dog before bedtime. He speculated that the dog rolled over in the crate before the liquid pesticide dried. Presumably, residue of the product made contact with the plastic floor of the crate, causing the plastic to dissolve and "glue" the dog in place overnight.

Dhaliwal noted that the dog had been unable to eat, drink or relieve itself for 15 hours by the time he managed to free it with a tool normally used to scrape excess plaster from drywall.

The white dog had a patch of dark gray plastic about 6 inches by 4 inches stuck to its fur. Following the advice of representatives at Bayer, Dhaliwal said, he removed the remaining plastic using the contents of another two tubes of Advantage. Once freed, the dog was fine.

From the start, the dog's owner suspected that the Advantage was to blame, Dhaliwal said. The veterinarian figured some chemical was involved but wasn't sure what. At first, he applied regular alcohol to the plastic base, to no effect. Then he tried a tube of Advantage. The plastic liquified almost instantly, and his gloved hand stuck to the plastic.

Photographs snapped with his iPhone show a puddle of liquid across the bottom of the crate. Dhaliwal said one tube containing .5 cc of product covered half the crate base; he speculated that the plastic, as it dissolved, perpetuated the chemical reaction.

According to a Material Data Safety Sheet for benzyl alcohol posted at <a href="www.sciencelab.com">www.sciencelab.com</a>, the compound "can extract and dissolve polystyrene plastic and may attack other plastics."

The chemical is in wide use, found in hundreds of cosmetic formulations including baby toiletries, mascaras, hair dyes and skin care products, according to the article "Benzyl Alcohol Allergy: Importance of Patch Testing Personal Products," published Feb. 15, 2006, in the journal Dermatitis.

Its function in topical preparations is as a preservative, solvent, anesthetic and/or to decrease viscosity, the article states.

Walker at Bayer said the company veterinarian he consulted speculated that benzyl alcohol is found in a variety of spot-on flea treatments besides Advantage. However, it's not possible to determine which products contain the compound by reading their labels, as manufacturers are not required to list inactive ingredients.

Dale Kemery, a spokesman for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which regulates pesticides including spot-on pet parasiticides, said the agency is considering a new rule to require that manufacturers disclose pesticides' inert ingredients.

"This increased transparency will assist consumers and users of pesticides in making informed decisions and will better

protect public health and the environment, "Kemery said by e-mail. "The Agency anticipates publishing an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Federal Register within the next few months."

Kemery also encouraged anyone aware of adverse reactions with an EPA-registered product to report the matter to the manufacturer and directly to EPA.

"Manufacturers of pesticide products are required to report to EPA information they receive about potential adverse effects of their products, but reporting to the EPA directly is beneficial because the data we receive from the manufacturers is aggregated by severity category, and the report of an individual incident that we receive directly may provide more details initially that could lead to a follow-up by EPA with the manufacturer, "Kemery said.

Walker said Bayer officials in Canada examined the lot of Advantage used on the dog to check whether it contained an abnormally high concentration of benzyl alcohol but found nothing unusual.

Dhaliwal complimented Bayer for taking responsibility right away. "Obviously, this is something of ongoing concern," he added.

He said he plans to write a report on the incident and submit it to a professional journal in hopes of spreading the word. "This is something that everyone needs to know," he said.

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# **ANNUAL MEETING**

Date: Sunday, January 10, 2010

Time: 10:30 am

Location Terri Herigstad's house, 9995 Tesla Road,

Livermore, CA

Awards will be presented, a new slate of officers and board members will be elected, and plans for the upcoming year will be discussed. Also we get to visit and renew old acquaintances. Bring lunch and a drink. If you want bring something to share.

#### Directions to Terri's:

From Interstate 580 traveling either east or west in Livermore take the Vasco Road Exit (Exit 55 toward Brentwood). Take Vasco Road SOUTH toward Lawrence Livermore Lab/Sandia Lab. Stay on Vasco Road for approximately 3 miles to Tesla Road. Turn LEFT onto Tesla Road (EAST). Stay on Tesla until you reach 9995 Tesla on your right.

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# **HOLIDAY SHOPPING??**

# Planet Blue Dog

Eco friendly products. Featuring Dublin Dog collars that are a composition that does not hold water -their tag line is "All style, not stink." Perfect for our Labs.

http://www.planetbluedog.com/

# **Dogwise Book Publishers**

An extensive line of books that they publish themselves and a lot of other books and things. They have some wonderful titles. http://www.dogwise.com/index.cfm

# **Gundog Supply**

Great selection of field stuff and prompt service. Still a favorite!! http://www.gundogsupply.com/

**Doggone Good** - Still a Favorite!! Check out their redesigned gear bag. A local company (San Jose) and the inventor of the soft crate. Unfortunately they don't make them anymore but they have a ton of good equipment and lots of gift stuff. <a href="http://www.doggonegood.com/">http://www.doggonegood.com/</a>

# **Ruff Wear**

Active equipment for the athletic dog. Dog packs, boots, jackets, beds, etc. Unfortunately they have discontinued their bait bag, it was great! Some of their products are available from REI.

http://www.ruffwear.com/

# Paw Luxury

Featuring a dazzling array of eco-friendly grooming products, collars, toys, beds, treats, and odor free Bully Sticks. http://www.pawlux.com/

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# 2010 DUES ARE DUE

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Please mail along with your check (made out to GGLRC) to: Sharon Scharff-Ventura, 942 Rancho Arroyo Parkway, Fremont, CA 94536. Any questions or changes call Sharon @ 510-794-5027 or Email: dukfinder@aol.com

# **General Meetings**

General Meeting - January 10, 2010 Location: Terri Herigstad's 9995 Tesla Rd., Livermore

Time: 10:30 am

# **Board Meetings**

Board Meeting - January 10, 2010 Location: Terri Herigstad's 9995 Tesla Rd., Livermore

Time: Immediately following the General Meeting



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