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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank GGLRC members for their great contributions to this newsletter. Your articles, photos, and stories make my editorial job much easier. Please keep up with the submissions!

Natasha Gelfand, Retriever Reflections Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the last newsletter I spoke to Human/Canine communication which fostered many comments from readers. Most of the comments were from owners who claim they can telepathically communicate with their dogs. I also witnessed some "not so telepathic" direct communication with dogs that, while not rising to the level of an epiphany, was eye opening at the very least.

One reader suggested that until I stop trying to dominate my dogs in the traditional "human as alpha dog" method of dog control and treat them as partners, my efforts at telepathy are doomed. This is a concept or method for a very "evolved" human, which I am decidedly not. I am so un-evolved I strongly resemble a hunter-gatherer, except my hunting consists of badgering the butcher behind the meat counter and gathering fruits and nuts at my local grocer. I wouldn't go so far as to say this can't work, but if I am partnering with my dog I will expect him to bring home a six pack or two now and again, make me breakfast for a change, and provide other practical services (although they do each give me a shower now and again when exiting the water - I would just need to add soap).

Another reader suggested I would be successful in my telepathic communication if I just visualized pictures instead of words. I take this to mean visualizing results, such as the mental image of my dog returning to me when I "will him" to return. I intend on trying this regularly and if it works, I will start "willing" him to do all kinds of handy things such as taking telephone solicitor calls at dinner time, taking out the garbage (wait, he already does that, he just doesn't put it back), or making the bed (so far his talent is limited to un-making the bed).

On a more practical note I did witness some true huntergatherers partnering with their dogs to get them to bring home dinner. It was wonderful to see dogs do multiple water retrieves, (Continued on next page) marking where each bird fell before being sent out to bring them both back, and also seeing a dog being sent far out in the water to bring back a bumper hidden in the reeds and being directed right, left or straight ahead by the handler, with the dog not giving up until the bumper was found. While not telepathic, this was a great example of partnering with your dog and, I suspect, the result of hours of diligent training. I was impressed and inspired.

No less inspiring is watching competitive obedience at the higher levels such as Utility, with its scent discrimination, directed retrieves and jumps. Equally inspirational is Agility, with team work between the handler and the dog being all important. In so many ways every day, there is significant Human/Dog communication going on.

All of this serves to underscore just what juvenile delinquents (more likely hoodlums) my young dogs are and how much work I have yet to do. I'll be hitting the training club again soon to hopefully lend some manners to my otherwise bonkers boys, all the while visualizing pictures of the results I desire!

I hope you have reserved June 5th for our Fun Match (AKC sanctioned "B" match (conformation) and "C" match (obedience)). Bring out your puppies and young dogs to practice conformation or obedience. Better yet, come work your dog and then stay to steward. One free run through for helping out.

We plan on having a short general meeting during lunch and get on with the training. See you there!

Allen Garfinkle, GGLRC President.

Submissions

The newsletter is published bi-monthly. The closing dates for each issue are: January 15th, March 15th, May 15th, July 15th, September 15th, and November 15th. Contributions of photos, articles, graphics, and any other interesting dog-related information is most welcome. Send submissions to:

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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). They also make great booklets to put into your puppy packets or to distribute to prospective Labrador owners. Extra copies are available for \$5, again, contact Allen Garfinkle or Terri Herigstad.



LITTER LISTING REQUIREMENTS

To submit a litter listing, please include the following information, as described in the *GGLRC Breeders Code or Ethics*. Health information: OFA or Wind-Morgan clearances and certification by a board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist that the dog has found free of hereditary eye disease within the last year. Please indicate whether or not the parents meet the performance requirement (CD, one championship point, JAM, field title, WC, or GGLRC Retrieving Dog Elementary certificate).

BLACK AND CHOCOLATE LITTER DUE JUNE 1

Sire: BISS Ch. Big Sky's Stone Kutter "Mason"

Hips: OFAFair LR-166583F26M-PI

Elbows: OFA Normal LR-EL33672M24-PI Heart: Normal/Cardio, LR-CA2232/22M/C-PI

Optigen: Normal/Clear

EIC: Normal/Clear LR-EIC806/57M-VPI

CERF: Annually LR-46930

<u>Dam:</u> Kalon's Here For The Party WC "Mia"

Hips: OFA Good LR-187902G24F-VPI Elbows: Normal LR-EL47564F24-VPI

Heart: Normal-Cardio, ECHO, LR-CA₃8₉₇/1₄F/

C-VPI-ECHO

Optigen: Normal/Clear, CERF: Annually LR-55101

Contact: Shelley Ellison shelquin@gmail.com



News from the Field



by Sharon Ventura

On May 7 we had our first field training day of the year. Members Connie and Mike Muellerleile generously offered their property for the club event. So a handful of eager dogs and owners headed to Lodi for some fun.

We started on a very low cover land area to review the basics. We moved over to the field which had some medium to high cover for the dogs to navigate through. We used hand throws, wingers, bumpers and birds. We also used starter pistols to try to simulate field and working certificate conditions. The dogs did very well, and even with the gap in training so many were able to pick up where the last training day left off. For most dogs, this was about a year!

Since things are starting to dry out, and we're always on the watch for the dreaded foxtails, we moved over to the pond, where our focus would be. Two Working Certificate length singles were set up and depending on the experience of the dog we started there or worked towards that distance. We even had some first timers who got to retrieve in water—again bumpers and ducks were used!

No matter what the level, the dogs--- as always--- found a way to enjoy the outing! We'd like to have another training day July/August and plan for our WC test in September.

Thank you Connie & Mike for opening up your place, and providing, such an authentic hunting scenario with decoys and boats!

We look forward to seeing everyone back in the field soon.



Brags!



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If you have a significant dog event to report, please share it with us! Email ngelfand@gmail.com and include the dog's full registered name, sire & dam, call name, breeder, owner, event, date, award, and judge's name. Include a photo if you wish.

MARSTAD BOSTON LAGER

(CH Hollyhill Delby's Samuel Adams WC x Galileo Marstad Bleu Moon)

Breeder/Owner/Handler: Terri Herigstad

Kennel Club of Salinas, 3/25/11

Winner Bitch & Best of Winners (2 pts) from the BBE class

MARSTAD PRIMETIME

(CH Windfall's Pipe Major x CH Delby Marstad Black Pearl)

Breeder/Owner/Handler: Terri Herigstad

Kennel Club of Salinas, 3/25/11

Winners Dog (2 pts) from the BBE class

Oakland Kennel Club, 3/27/11

Winners Dog & Best of Winners (3 pts) from the BBE class

CH DELBY MARSTAD BLACK PEARL

(CH Hollyhill Delby's Samuel Adams x Delby's

Over The Moon)

Breeder: Vicki Blodgett

Owner/Handler: Terri Herigstad Kennel Club of Salinas, 3/25/11

Select Bitch

BEGAIRN LEADING EDGE (MINA)

Owner: Vivian Poole

Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, 2/6/2011

1st place Open Black (Major)

Judge: Betty Stites

Santa Cruz Kennel Club, 3/24/2011

Best of Winners, Winner's Bitch, 2 points, 1st place Open Black Judge: Honey Anne Glendinning

San Mateo Kennel Club, 2/26/2011

ıst place Open Black

Judge: Deborah Y. Verdon

CH LINDSEY'S SEASHELL PUPPY (PARIS)

(CH Gaetacreek Joyful Jasper x Drycreek's Shotgun Shelby)

Breeders: Tara Aschwanden & Laura Fletcher Owners: Heather K. Sanchez & Bonnie L.

Sanchez

Beautifully handled by: Jenell Tonini-Zanotto

Yosemite Kennel Club, April 9, 2011

Grand Champion Select Judge: Dr. Steve Keating

Yosemite Kennel Club, April 10, 2011

Best of Breed

Judge: Col. Joe B. Purkhiser

Gavilan Kennel Club, April 30, 2011

Best of Breed

Judge: Mr. Lawrence J. Sinclair Gavilan Kennel Club, May 1, 2011

Grand Champion Select Judge: Mr. Robert D. Ennis



CH. MARSTAD NIGHT BLOOMING JASMINE CGC

(Ch. Belgairn Polo JH x Ch. Clarion Marstad Frangelica)

Owners: Allen and Marilou Garfinkle & Terri Herigstad

Breeders: Terri Herigstad & Autumn Davidson DVM

Camellia Capital KC, 5/14-15/11

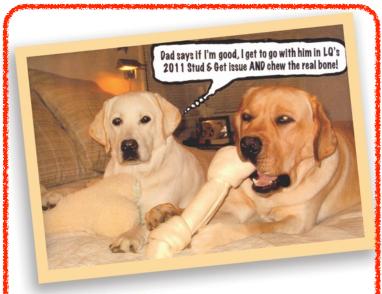
Select placements both days New Grand Champion!







New Master Hunter!



Allen Garfinkle writes:

Marilou and I received this ad from Labrador Quarterly in the mail and immediately recognized it as our dogs!! We had sent them some digital images years ago, and without any notice, this shows up in our mail. We were thrilled. On the right is our dog Ch. Kelton's Finest Hour and on the left is Metate's Cultured Pearl.



INT. CH. (UCI) WINROC QUINTESSENCE VCD1, RE, TDX, MH, MX, MXJ, MXF

(MACH Winroc XT Funnel Cloud VCD1, RA, TDX, MH x Winroc Midnight Madness, WC)

Owners & Breeders: Lee Foote & Mrs. A.L. Foote

Tessa is a third generation Master Hunter. She has AKC conformation class placements and is also the dam of a MH titled dog and an All Age Qualified field trial bitch. Tessa also participates in 4H with our granddaughter, Clarissa, who took her through testing for her CGC. Tessa was a fat singleton puppy that required all our ingenuity to keep her from becoming a "swimmer." You've come a long way baby!





Tessa the "Tub"

Tessa running an agility course

EPILEPSY RESEARCH

by Joan McInnis, <u>imcinnis@oncore.com.</u>, submitted by Melinda Grosch

In September, 2008 my friend Maggie Black and I were driving home from the Huron River LRC specialty show when Maggie said, "I'm going to be show secretary next year, and YOU are going to do something."

That would be the 2009 Mid-Jersey specialty. Well I had a major case of burnout after 2003 when I had run a health clinic, a match show, a Hutch seminar, and finished up my 2nd year as treasurer. I had been sitting on my hands since then and only attended a couple of meetings when compelling programs were given. So, my reply was, "I am not!"

"Yes you are!"

"No, I'm not!"

"You are too!"

"That's what you think!"

"Yes you are. Just let me know what you are going to do."

Maggie was going to be out of luck, and that is all there was to it. A couple of weeks later as I was straightening up the garage, I stood looking at the 5 flying saucer puppy pans when suddenly it popped into my head. That's it! A garage sale to benefit epilepsy research! I could ask club members and exhibitors to bring their unwanted dog items and I could sell them at the specialty.

Epilepsy has been a problem for me. In the '90's I produced 2 back-to-back litters with the same stud, almost one year apart. When the first litter turned 18 months, the pup I kept had a seizure. A couple of months later, I got a call from a distraught owner, telling me her dog started having seizures too. If you have ever seen a dog seizure, you know what a terrible experience it is. And the worst is when a child has to see his or her dog seizing. With two dogs seizing and knowing there was a second litter out there, I was in a panic. But there was nothing I could do at this point. I didn't want to frighten the owners of the other pups, so I had to wait it out. Every year on their birthdays, I called all the owners to say "happy birthday" and ask how the dogs were. In time I was to learn that 5 out of the 17 puppies had seizures. Ten years later, seizures struck again. The original bitch was not in this pedigree. It seemed, in spite of all my efforts, the epilepsy gene had come back to haunt me.

I felt so helpless all those years, now maybe there was something I could do. I went online and started looking to see what I could learn. One thing that I knew I wanted to do was to give the proceeds of the garage sale directly to the researchers. I did not want one penny to be spent on administrative costs. There were a number of teams doing research, and some of them at different vet schools seemed to be cooperating. They were asking for help from the dog community. That sounded good to me.

I picked up the phone and called the number for Gary Johnson, DVM, PhD, at University of Missouri, College of Veterinary Medicine. My call was answered by Liz Hansen. Liz is the Project Coordinator.

Liz was very helpful and willing to answer my questions. Could they accept direct contributions? "Yes." That was a good start. I was absolutely amazed by the rest of what Liz had to say.

As a minimum to initiate a mapping study, UM needs to have 25 sibling pairs in which one sibling has seizures and the other does not. Family groups are also important, so wherever an epileptic dog has appeared, it is useful to send samples from the affected, plus as many of the normal siblings, parents, and grandparents as possible. The funding needed to conduct the initial mapping study runs between \$15,00-20,000.

Currently UM has DNA from 38 seizing labs, but very few with DNA from their normal siblings. Samples from random normal dogs are not needed, because UM has DNA from over 5000 Labradors through work with Guide Dogs for the Blind and Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Sibling pairs and family groups where epilepsy has appeared are the key to being able to map epilepsy in this, or any breed. There are likely to be many forms of inherited epilepsy in dogs. There have been over 30 different forms identified in humans and laboratory mice.

Liz said, when they started the epilepsy research project, they assumed there would be many samples from the popular Labrador Retriever. To their surprise, that was not to be the case.

The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog breeders have gotten behind epilepsy research. By March, 2009 they had blood from over 1200 dogs, 63 of which are affected. An initial mapping run has already been completed for GSMD's, and the data is in the process of being analyzed.

The researchers at University of Missouri are cooperating with other researchers in the USA and also in Finland, France and England. Most of the mapping has been done in Finland and France so far, but in July UM will have the new SNP chip and will be capable of doing the mapping studies on campus. Other breeds that have some mapping data already being analyzed include Saint Bernards, Standard Schnauzers, and Chinooks. Ten other breeds are ready to map, and will be evaluated in the coming months.

If the lab community, with our huge number of dogs, gets behind this we could have well more than the initial 25 pairs in no time at all. 25 pairs is next to nothing. As with everything else, the trick is to do it!

After our conversation, I had to wonder why they had so few blood samples submitted. That is when I read the literature they have online. I didn't have to read very far before one thing jumped right out at me. "Complete families are critical to locating specific genes and markers. Wherever possible, submit samples from all siblings, both parents, and all available grandparents." Good grief! A typical litter would have 8 puppies, 2 parents, and 4 grandparents. 14 dogs! I figure, if I hadn't talked to Liz first, I probably would have stopped right there. Can you imagine rounding up all those dogs, collecting the blood, and shipping it to Missouri? I can't. I think only very, very few people would be able do that. While it might be the ideal, it is not something most people could or would do.

So let's state it one more time.

They need 25 sibling pairs in which one dog has seizures and the other does not have seizures to run the initial mapping study.

So what do you have to do to participate?

Round up a sibling pair. Owners with non-seizing dogs are usually willing to participate, but have little motivation. I had one such owner who needed a little extra help. They forgot all about it when they took their dog to the vet. I ended up going to their house, picking up the dog, and taking her to my vet one day when my girl was going in for a progesterone test. Everyone was happy and that gave me a sibling pair. If you can get your hands on other related dogs, great.

Collect the blood. The ideal plan is to get 2 siblings, plus any relatives, collected at once. That way you can put all blood samples in the same package and save on shipping costs. Blood can be kept a couple of days in the refrigerator, so you can bundle blood collected a couple of days apart. So far I have heard of only one vet who charged for the blood draw and the fee was very small. Be sure to print out the sample handling page (see below) and take it with you to the vet.

Package the blood. Ask your vet to have a freezer pack ready when you come for the blood draw. Vets get freezer packs with vaccine shipments and always have plenty to spare. The blood is sent in several tiny purple top tubes. Each tube is labeled with the dog's call name and the owner's last name. You can wrap the tubes in a couple layers of paper toweling so they do not come in direct contact with the freezer pack. Next, start wrapping the pack and the blood with a single layer of newspaper. Keep adding layers to make a nice cocoon that will fit snugly in the box. Newspaper is an excellent insulator. Your vet may have boxes you can use. The boxes do not have to be large.

Shipping the blood. The blood must be sent overnight. If you don't get carried away with the box, the cost will be around \$30-40. You may not want to trust the USPS to deliver it on time. I've had really great experience with FedEx and their online tracking system gives blow-by-blow updates of a package's journey. You can give Liz's email address as the recipient so she will be informed when you drop it off and when it arrives. One other tip – if the weather is warm, take the package to be shipped late in the day as possible. That way it will be sure to keep cool for the duration.

Paper work. Yes, I know. We don't really like this part very much, but you can do it. There is a simple form for each dog that is put in the package with the blood sample. There is an online form that is filled out ONLY for the dogs that have seizures. The form asks for some things only the breeder can answer and other things only the owners can answer. Because of that, I print the form and highlight the questions that only the owner could answer. I then ask the owner for that information and fill out the online form out myself. I figure as

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the breeder, I am the one who has most at stake in doing this. If you prefer, you can send the printed form via snail mail.

One last suggestion. When the blood samples from your sibling pair arrives at UM, call Liz or send her an email (HansenL@missouri.edu) alerting her to the fact that another sibling pair is in their possession.

So yes, there is some work involved, and some expense too. But what a small price to pay when a test will be developed with some help from us, the breeders.

Do you have access to a sibling pair, and maybe relatives too? Please help. With your cooperation, the researchers will help us so that we need never produce seizing dogs again. This is so worthwhile!

Here are links that will give you the information you need to participate.

http://www.canine-epilepsy.net/Docs/DNAsampl.pdf This one is supposed to be sent in with the blood sample. I had to send it in separately for one dog & that was OK.

http://www.canine-epilepsy.net/Srvy_Ins.htm This form is to be filled out ONLY if the dog has seizures. You can complete it online or print it out and mail it to UM.

http://www.canine-epilepsy.net/Docs/DNAhowto.pdf
This one talks about what they are looking for. Don't get hung up on the part about entire families. Think pairs!!! Additional family members are icing on the cake.

http://www.canine-epilepsy.net/Docs/SampHand.pdf This one talks about the blood collection & has the address for sending it.

http://tulgeywoodlabs.com/pages/PackingSamples.pdf This page gives step-by-step instructions for packing up the samples and shipping them.

The Mid-Jersey board gave the Garage Sale a big thumbs up, and it will be held at our specialty on October 15th & 16th, 2009. So, while you are at it, how about holding a "garage sale" at your club's next specialty. You can contact me and I can give you some hints about running a sale.

If we all cooperate, we can beat epilepsy. Your contribution of blood samples is what is needed. You will feel proud to have made a significant contribution to eliminating epilepsy in Labrador Retrievers.

IN MEMORIAM

Marianne Foote writes:

I received this from Barbara Nowak last night. She asked me to share.

Dear Friends,

Our Labrador family lost a dear friend today with the passing of Winnie Limbourne, Wingmaster Labrador Retrievers. Winnie died peacefully with her family by her side. Winnie had a successful stud dog kennel and bred countless champions. The Labradors that she bred and her stud dogs were the foundation and cornerstone for other breeders. Winnie was an educator, mentor, and advocate for our breed. She was a knowledgeable AKC Judge and one of the founders of the High Desert Labrador Retriever Club. Winnie volunteered to ring steward at the SDLRC specialties for the past several years as she enjoyed visiting with friends and seeing the Labrador youngsters.

Winnie Limbourne and her husband, Jerry, trained, exhibited, and bred Labrador Retrievers under the Wingmaster prefix. They were passionate about the breed and shared that with others. Winnie also became a judge. In October 2010 she graciously took on the responsibility of Chief Ring Steward at the Regional and National Specialties in Southern California. Little did I think that would be my last opportunity to share "dog talk."

With respect and sadness,

Marianne

Put It On Your Calendar!

"Show Your Colors" Celebrate the Labrador Retriever

The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.

2011 National Specialty Event Week October 10-16, 2011

Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Brooklyn, Connecticut

Host Hotel—Days Inn, Dayville, Connecticut For reservations— (860) 779-3200, ask for LRC special rate.



- Two Agility, Obedience & Rally Trials
- Tracking, Working Certificate & Hunting Retriever Tests (two Juniors & two Seniors)
 - Two conformation Events-

The 2011 National Specialty followed by a Regional Specialty "No Bells, No Whistles"

- A Conformation Certificate evaluation
- · Judges' EDge seminar
- Tributes to Top Agility, Obedience and Conformation Labrador Retriever competitors
 - · Hospitality Events & Health Clinics

For Judges & Event Schedules—check the LRC web site at

www.thelabradorclub.com



WOOFSTOCK 2011

June 9,10,11,12th WELCOMES:

Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club

Join us Saturday night for our free CONCERT & BBQ DINNER

"Cover2Cover" will play 30 minutes after BIS until 10:00 pm. Dinner served at 7:00 pm

BBQ Ribs & Chicken dinner-Presold tickets

Menu: BBQ Pork Ribs, Chicken, Caesar Salad, Garlic Mashed Potatoes. PRICE \$18.00 Cake for desert – courtesy of WOOFSTOCK. Orders must be placed by June 5th! Please send checks to: Keven Birdwell, 411 Brigham Place, Danville, *CA* 94526 (925) 743-0880

Thursday: Sandra Lex

Superintendant: MBF www.infodog.com

Friday: Carl Liepmann Saturday: Elizabeth Bowron Jim Bowron

Supported Entries!

HEALTH CLINICS AVAILABLE SAT & SUN: BAER Hearing, Cardio & Cerf

Tie dyed logo items available for sale. Our logo changes each year. Collect them all.

Saturday is "Tie-Dye Day"! Best Costume Contest on Saturday! Judging held prior to the groups on Saturday. Prizes awarded for best costumes \$100 for Best Male & Female -\$25 Best Youth -\$25 Best Dog!

All rings tented, music throughout the day, mardi gras "peace beads" for BOB!



Remember when dog shows were FUN?? Come and have some FUN at WOOFSTOCK!

MAJORS! MAJORS! MAJORS!



2011 Calendar

Coyote Hills KC	May 21-22

GGLRC Match Day June 5

Woofstock Supported Entry June 9-12

Rose City LRC Specialty July 15-17

Board Meeting July 14

Puget Sound LRC Specialty August ??

Richmond Dog Fanciers August 6-7

General Meeting, Richmond DF August 7

Sierra Vista LRC Specialty September 2(?)

Gold Country KC September 3-4

Board Meeting September 8

LRC National Specialty October ??

GGLRC Specialty October 21-22

Del Valle KC October 23-24

High Desert LRC Specialty November ??

Board Meeting November 10

Holiday Party, General Meeting December ??



Sierra Vista Labrador Retriever Club INVITES YOU TO JOIN US in GRASS VALLEY CA FOR

Specialty Shows, Obedience Trials, FUN, a time to explore the "Gold Country And a WELCOMING BBQ on Thursday!

September 1st, 2011 (Thursday late afternoon) Separate show for puppies and veterans AND BBQ SVLRC SWEEPSTAKES – Judge Jim Russell September 2nd, 2011 BACK TO BACK Same dav Specialties - limit 100 dogs per show ++ INDOOR ARENA ++

AM - SVLRC CONFORMATION - Judge Vonnie Russell PM - SVLRC CONFORMATION - Judge Beth Sweigart AM - SVLRC OBEDIENCE (outdoors) - Judge Bonnie Lee Show Chairperson: Cindy Braley – cinderhillabs@gmail.com Event Secretary: Sharon Licciardi – motherhen@pacbel.net

The SVLRC will support the Labrador entry at

Gold CountryKC all-Breed Shows - Supt. MB-F Saturday September 3rd: Breeder Judge Judy Chambers Sunday September 4th: Sporting Breeder Judge Sharon Derrick



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