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President's Message

PSLRA Needs You!

This is a plea to all club members: Please volunteer to help out, in whatever way you are able, with club activities. In May we have two big club events, our spring hunt test and our tracking test. Both need volunteers. We also have many events coming up in the next few months that require lots of people to help out. If you are a new member, or an old member who would like to get more involved with the club, please contact me, or any board member, and we will find a job for you! If you could help at the hunt test contact Cheri Levine at cherimlevine@hotmail.com. For the tracking test, Michelle Schraeder at mtnvvet@telcomplus.net.

Most of the events that we put on throughout the year require dozens of people to plan them and to make them happen. Not only our events, but also our ongoing operations, including membership, newsletter, rescue, all require club volunteers to make them happen. The behind the scenes work may not always be evident, but, believe me, we have club members who work tirelessly for many hours a day, making our club events successful.

So what can you do to help? First, volunteer to help. Phone me or any board member or committee chairperson, or send us an e-mail, telling us what you are interested in helping with. You can find board member names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses on our web site. Mine is 206-362-2098 and janpalumbo@earthlink.net. You don't need any experience. You don't need to make a huge time commitment. You don't need to know anyone or anything. All you need is a willingness to help. Many hands make light loads.

Second, please be patient with people who are helping out, understand that they are doing their best, and thank them whenever you have a chance. We have many club members who are very generous with their time and talents. I personally want to thank each volunteer. You play a crucial role in the success of PSLRA.

I have found that getting involved as a volunteer is the best way to meet people in the club, the best way to find out what the club is all about, and is lots of fun! I have found that whenever I give to our club, my gift is returned many fold.

-Jan



IMPORTANT DATES

April 27 Board meeting

April 23 Rose City WC/WCX,
St. Louis Ponds, OR, Lisa
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May 7-8 Spring HRT,
Conformation, Carlson's
Farm, Chantel Nahoopii,
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May 15 Tracking Test, Duvall,
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The Retriever Believer will publish brags (free) and Puppy Referral litter listings provided a club member owns either the sire or the dam and a \$10 listing fee has been paid to Puppy Referral. All litter listings and other advertising of litters must comply with the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

Membership in the PSLRA is open to anyone interested in Labrador retrievers. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals, \$25 for families. Junior memberships are \$10 (for a separate listing in the membership book and a separate newsletter). Please note that new members require the signature of two sponsors on the application form.

Requests for information, applications and/or payment of dues should be addressed to:
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club business

March board meeting minutes

March 23, 7 p.m., Linda Maffet, Carole Jensen, Dave Lawniczak, Jan Palumbo, Ron Perry, Nina Mann, Christie Clark, Darlene Pado, Becky Jack, Cheri Levine, Marlys Swanson, Stephanie Harris, present; Bea Ferguson, Marcy Johnson, absent.

Acknowledgments: Lucy and Ron for the SKC booth. Meet the breed at SKC—Sharon Edwards, and Barb Ironside. To Becky for the use of her house, and Chantel for all her work getting the membership book out. Donations in memory of Tim Douglas also acknowledged.

—Becky gave secretary's report, shared letters from AKC.

—Darlene gave treasurer's report—most of the month's income was from membership dues.

—The 5-series was discussed; it was decided we would have one set of judges rather than two.

—Tracking Test—there are only two entries so far.

—Hunt Test—Things are going well, all judges are confirmed. The number of rosettes available was questioned, and it was unclear whether the 4-H kids were making lunches for all the workers or just to sell. Cheri will look into that.

Photographer Vicky Atkins has agreed to do our specialty.

Club Donation: As Dr. Brewer appears to no longer be working on PRA research, MJ has looked into some new possibilities. Dr. Simon Peterson-Jones is researching genetic eye diseases in dogs. We moved and seconded giving \$1,000 to his research, and \$500 to another project pending further discussion. Topics we have considered are Epilepsy, TVD, and skin conditions. Jan will look into more.

Becky needs to send a contract to Lisa Cruanas and our Tracking judges.

Dave received a letter from 4-H Dogs of Washington seeking money to help their programs.

We had a good discussion on the need for guidelines for puppy buyers' researching breeders. Buyers wanting very specific qualities are often unrealistic, but education is also needed on such topics as cleanliness, socialization, limited registration, contracts, terms like *English Labs*, *Field Labs*, and even *Silver Labs*. An e-mail discussion group is to be started with Becky, Nina, Linda, Shelah Frey, and Stephanie.

Volunteers: Board needs to send a note to the newsletter reminding participants to treat all volunteers with respect.

PSLRA chat list: Need reminders of list etiquette to try to reduce chatter directed at just one person.

WC judges: The Board voted and approved Liz Scott and Julie Kirk be added as WC judges. No rosettes are awarded at WCs, certificates only.

We discussed the possibility of workers earning points to be used as a deduction from fees for litter listings, etc. Ideas would be welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

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Braggs

ShaRay's Nikolas of Whidbey CGC WC took WD and BOS both days at Seattle Kennel Club. On Saturday he also took a Group 3 in the Bred By Exhibitor



competition. Bred by Sharon Edwards and Christy Hoaglund. Co-owned by Sharon and by Ron Perry. Handled so very well by Sharon, see above and below.



Romany Cimarron Satori CGC, finished his CD title at the Seattle KC show with a score of 189 1/2. His first two legs were earned at the Puyallup shows with scores of 192 and 195. Tori is owned by Sandy Wasson and Laura Steward, bred by Laura.

March 25 at the Oceanside K.C. show, Winners Male and Best Of Breed—five points, **Fawnhaven Midnight Rocket** (aka Nitro). Easter Sunday, March 27 at the Oceanside K.C. show **Fawnhaven's Midnight Rocket** finished his Canadian CH. Sire: Can Ch Fawnhaven Indigo Jones WC owned by Rose Goche. Dam: Fawnhaven's Finest Brandy WC owned

by Richard and Christina Ramay, bred by Don and Barb Ironside.

Daybreaks Chocolate Splash At Koa, Kainalu, is now a Canine Good Citizen at the tender age of nine months! She is loved and spoiled by Chantel and proudly bred by Debbie Needham.

International Champion Harbortop's Odin's Shadow SH, Odin, owned by Pat Gould, received his International Championship in Cloverdale, B.C.

Himoon Bossa Nova De Rio, right, went WB, BOW and BOB

on Sunday at the Seattle Kennel Club show. Rio is proudly bred, handled, owned and adored by Lucy Isaacson-Logen, Himoon Labradors.

Can CH Bayviews

Ramblin Rose Am/Can CD JH NANA J Am/Can WC CGC CC made her debut in Rally at Seattle Kennel Club, going two for two! Rosie is owned and loved by Carole Jensen.

Rocking "M" Emily AX OAPAXJAJPEACEAC-VEJCEJC-V OTC OGC P1 Pet Partner CGC finished her Excellent Jumper's Preferred title on February 13 with a first place run.

Winroc Racey Rosalie NA NAJNGC NJC finished her Novice Agility title with all first place runs on February 27. Emily and Rosie's teammates are Phyllis Miller and Kate Schottman.

WindyCanyon's Fulla Jazz (Jazzy) and **WindyCanyon's Sweetest Fuji (Fuji)** both passed their first Junior Hunter tests held by SSHRC on Sunday, April 3, at Scootney Reservoir. These littermates are owned, bred and trained by Anne Swindeman.

Can Ch Fawnhaven's Midnight Rocket qualified for his first JH leg at the Sand and Sage hunt test. He is owned by Christina and Richard Ramay and bred by Barb and Don Ironside.

While earning an insurance leg for his Novice A CD at WSOTC, Strider, **WindyCanyon's Dark Ranger CD RA CDX**, won Saturday's "High Scoring Labrador Retriever" award. Strider is owned by Mark and Cheri Levine who are very proud of all his awards.



Fawnhaven's Winter Rose, Rosie, CDX, OA, OAJ, WC, Delta Pet Partner, earned her Companion Dog Excellent title at the Washington State Obedience Training Club trial on April 2, 2005 (see right). Rosie is proudly trained and handled by Jan Palumbo, owned and loved by Jan Palumbo and Barbara Ironside. Good girl, Rosie!



Sunnydaze It's All About Mee, WC owned by Linda and Hugh Maffett earned her FIRST JH Wing this weekend at Sand and Sage! Thank you Chuck Hilton for training and running our girl! We are thrilled.

The Conformation Certificate

Revised January 2005

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The Conformation Certificate offered by the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. is a non-competitive conformation evaluation program open to all Labrador Retrievers, including spayed and neutered dogs. A Conformation Certificate will be awarded to any Labrador Retriever over one (1) year of age that passes a conformation examination sanctioned by the LRC, Inc. and officiated by an approved American Kennel Club conformation judge or provisional for the the breed. Labrador Retriever specialty sweepstakes judges or Sporting Group judges for American Kennel Club events are also eligible to officiate. Labradors will be judged in accordance with the Standard and it is hoped that exposure to such evaluations will help to promote an awareness of desirable Labrador Retriever breed type. The evaluation should demonstrate that a dog possesses the basic attributes of a Labrador Retriever. The Evaluation Sheet contains nine (9) conformation and temperament categories for a judge to consider on a numerical basis. Each dog will be scored in each category using the one (1) through three (3) point system described. To receive a Conformation Certificate a dog is required to have a total score of eighteen (18) or better and demonstrate in the mind of the judge a sixty-five (65) percent likelihood of conforming to the characteristic as described in the Standard. To assist in determining if a dog is worthy of receiving a CC, a judge should consider the following:

- A. Does the dog possess the basic attributes of a Labrador Retriever?
- B. Would the dog under examination exhibit a majority of breed characteristics?
- C. Would the dog under examination be excused for lack of merit?
- D. Does the dog possess any disqualifying characteristics?

General disqualifications apply, such as: freedom from lameness, blindness, deafness or change by artificial means. Dogs noted to possess a disqualifying fault shall not receive a Conformation Certificate. Disqualifying faults should be noted on the score sheets and all score sheets must be returned to the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. Program Coordinator.

Dogs that have not passed a Conformation Certificate examination at a prior event are eligible to participate in subsequent evaluations unless disqualifications are noted at three separate examinations by any combination of three different judges. Participants should be aware that, like the Working Certificate, not all dogs entered will qualify for a Conformation Certificate.

The Conformation Certificate is not an official title, but should be considered an accomplishment similar to the LRC, Inc. Working Certificate. It is an opportunity for owners of Labrador Retrievers who are not interested and/or familiar with competitive conformation events to have their dogs evaluated and recognized as having basic Labrador Retriever conformation characteristics.

Conformation Certificate examinations are designed to be held in conjunction with performance events such as hunt tests, field trials or agility and obedience trials. An unofficial Premium List should be sent to prospective participants, however additional participants may be allowed to enter at the time of the event if they choose. While the program is under evaluation, The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. will be solely responsible for conducting all Conformation Certificate evaluation events. A fee to cover judge's expenses or the cost of arranging for this event may be charged.

A special note to judges:

The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. urges all judges to reread the Standard of the breed carefully before each event. Conformation Certificate judges should consider carefully those unique characteristics that define a Labrador Retriever when making CC evaluations. Judges are required to sign an Affirmation Statement. Like a dog show, judges should faithfully and impartially take on this task. Copies of the Standard will be available for judges and participants before evaluations begin.

Judges are free to conduct the examination of dogs by any means they so desire and, as a means of education, should be prepared to give a verbal explanation of their decision to each handler if requested and time permits. Should a judge feel more comfortable with conducting the evaluation in a traditional show ring setting, adopting the same movement patterns, participants must be prepared to comply with this format. Judges are free to conduct examinations as formally or as informally as they like. However, dogs' names and breeding should remain unknown to the judge until after the event. We urge that judges keep the event casual and, if appropriate, make suggestions to handlers so they show each dog to its best advantage.

Overall, this should be a less formal event than a licensed dog show. Casual clothing for handlers and judges is appropriate. When an evaluation is held in conjunction with a hunt test or field trial consideration will be given for animals that may have just performed in the field and handlers need not change clothing.

Participants whose dog has passed a Conformation Certificate evaluation will receive a Conformation Certificate from the Program Coordinator. As this is not an AKC official title it cannot be included as part of your dog's official name, but it can be listed as an accomplishment. Upon verification of qualification, a certificate will be issued.

Conformation Certificate opportunity

The evaluation will be held on Sunday, May 8, 2005 at Carlson Farms, Fall City, WA, starting at 11 a.m.
Judges: Bernadette Cox and Barbara Ironside

There will be a fee of \$15 for each evaluation. Please use the entry form provided and make checks payable to PSLRA.
Dogs who pass the evaluation will receive a Conformation Certificate from the Conformation Certificate Coordinator and a copy of the LRC Illustrated Standard.

Entries to be mailed to:

Anne Swindeman
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For more information, contact Anne Swindeman, windycanyonlabs@hotmail.com; home: (509) 457-8392 or cell: (509) 930-1060.

Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. Conformation Certificate Entry Form

Date: Sunday, May 8, 2005, at 11 a.m. PST—Location: PSLRA Hunting Retriever Test, Carlson Farms, Fall City, WA

I submit \$15.00 to PSLRA for entry fees for (Name of dog—print) _____

Sex: [] Male [] Bitch **Color:** [] Black [] Yellow [] Chocolate

[] AKC REG Number _____ DOB _____

[] AKC LITTER Number if not REG. _____

[] ILP Number _____

[] Foreign REG NO & Country _____

SIRE _____

DAM _____

Breeder _____

Name of actual owner (print) _____

Owner's Address _____

Name of Handler (print) _____

I certify that I am the actual owner of this dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I agree to abide by all the rules of the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. and any decisions made in accord with the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. I further agree that the dog is entered in and will be at this examination at my own risk, and that I will hold the examination giving Club, its members and agents free from liability for any claims arising out of the entry of the dog or its presence at the examination.

Signature of Owner or his Agent duly authorized to make this entry _____

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Conformation Certificate Evaluation Sheet (circle appropriate number)

Revised 1/05

	Poor	Acceptable	Good
1. Overall appearance, balance	1	2	3
2. Head, ears, expression, bite, eye color	1	2	3
3. Neck, topline, tail, tail carriage	1	2	3
4. Shoulder, chest/rib cage	1	2	3
5. Rear angulation/hindquarters	1	2	3
6. Coat character, coat color	1	2	3
7. Movement	1	2	3
8. Conditioning	1	2	3
9. Temperament	1	2	3

Disqualification: (circle)
Height
Pigment
Tail
Color

TOTAL _____

—If a dog possesses a disqualifying characteristic he/she WILL NOT receive a CC regardless of numerical score.

—To receive a Conformation Certificate each dog is required to attain a score of eighteen (18) or better. To pass in each category a dog must demonstrate, in the mind of the judge, a 65% likelihood of conforming to the characteristic as described by the Standard.

I affirm that I have evaluated Dog # _____ in accordance with the Standard for the Labrador Retriever as promulgated by the American Kennel Club.

Judge _____

Event/Location _____

Date _____

The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.

What is a hunt test all about?

by Chuck and Sharon Hilton

The American Kennel Club says the purpose of a hunt test is to test the merits and evaluate the abilities of retrievers in the field in order to determine their suitability and ability as hunting companions. Therefore, HRTs must simulate as nearly as possible a true hunting situation.

When Terrie asked Sharon and me to write this article, I believe that, because I am an avid hunter of both waterfowl and upland birds, she hoped we would share our philosophy and ideas on how we approach setting up a HRT and how we evaluate the individual retriever's abilities.

All AKC judges are compelled to follow the regulations for all levels of HRTs. This means we have to look at the grounds availability to comply with those regulations and then set up as realistic a hunting scenario as possible.

The Junior level, in our opinions, is to encourage handlers and retrievers to enjoy both the training of the retriever and also running them at the HRT. There is a certain amount of seriousness about this sport, too, not only because of the cost of each individual HRT, but also because of the training necessary to have your dog ready to achieve success.

Let's take a look at some of the basic requirements for the Junior Hunter.

1. Shall be tested of four single marks, two on land and two on water.
2. Dogs shall be steady but may be brought to the line on leash with a flat buckle collar and may be restrained gently with a slip cord or by the hand until sent to retrieve. The importance of having the dog under control might not be obvious to most non hunters, however it is a matter of safety to both the hunter and the dog so neither gets shot accidentally. Also, an out of control dog can scare game away before the hunter has an opportunity to get close enough for a good shot.

3. A dog must retrieve to hand. The reason this is so important is if a live bird, be it upland or waterfowl, is released by the dog prior to delivery, there is a very high chance that bird will get away. Retrievers are meant to be conservationists by minimizing the loss of wounded game.

4. A dog may be encouraged to hunt, however, excessive encouragement suggests a lack of hunting desire and would receive a low score in perseverance.

5. If handling to a mark is required, dogs shall not be handled on more than one mark and that handling must be accomplished crisply and cleanly.

The dog and the handler are here as a team and we want to see them respond to the scenario accordingly. This is shown, when the dog is not responding to a situation, by what you as the handler do to help your dog. Now since the Junior level is primarily a marking test, there may not be much you can do to help your dog, except to offer encouragement.

When we are looking at the set up of the test, we want to make the marks challenging, but also not so difficult that it would become trickery to the dog's ability to find the mark. Trickery in a mark for a junior dog might include a bank running scenerio with the judge scoring very low on marking and trainability when a dog runs along the bank to the mark instead of taking a more direct line in the water. Another example would be a mark that is set to fall over a hill where the dog cannot actually see the fall.

We usually try to make sure the dog has visible sight of the thrown or shot bird from the time it leaves the gun station to the time it hits the ground. Sometimes because of rolling terrain this cannot be accomplished. If that is the situation, then we would take that into consideration on the duration of time spent for the dog to find and pickup the mark. We will always give any benefit of the doubt in favor of the dog, and if a rerun is needed to determine fairness, we do not hesitate to do so.

The main qualities we look for and are scoring on Junior dogs are as follows:

1. Does the dog come to the line under the control of the handler or under its own control. This will be scored under trainability accordingly.

2. When the dog is told to mark, does it look and pay attention to where the handler has directed it to, or does it move and jump with little control of direction. The attention the dog gives to the mark will usually represent what kind of retrieve you can expect to receive.

3. When the dog is released, does it go to the area of the fall and hunt up the bird in a timely manner. If a prolonged hunt is happening, then as a judge you have to determine if it was poor marking ability, lack of desire or perseverance or a fall out of the scent area. In our opinion, this is where the judges should give the dog the benefit to see what happens if given a reasonable amount of time to find the mark. Given a reasonable time, you can usually tell if the dog is lost and does not remember why he's out there.

4. Once the dog has marked the fall, does he pick it up and return in a timely manner directly to the handler. If the dog meanders around and again looks like he has forgotten why he needs to return with the bird or sets the bird down on the ground and wanders off, this becomes a trainability problem of not understanding the importance of returning to the handler with the bird. As judges we see this a lot with dogs that have not been taught the importance of a timely recall and the handler is pleading with the dog to return in hopes of getting a ribbon.

5. Will the dog deliver the bird to hand with a gentle release and not tear at or chomp at the bird. This is the last step of getting your dog to the next series or possibly the Qualifying Ribbon.

There is certainly a lot more to judging, handling and training your dog for a qualifying wing in Junior; however, we hope this sheds some light on the process.

Rosie rallies round

by Carole Jensen

AKC's newest game to play is Rally Obedience. An introduction to rally can be found at www.akc.org/events/rally/index.cfm

Judging by the huge entry of 61 dogs in Novice B, I'd say that the Rally program is a smashing success.

Rally is a terrific place to start your young dogs since you have the luxury of being on leash at the Novice level and you can talk to them the whole time to not only encourage them but also, hopefully, to keep their attention on you. Most of us with Labs know that often times they give new meaning to the words *Heel Free* in the off leash exercise in regular obedience. At least in Rally you know they will never be more than a leash length away when the sniff monster comes out and their little noses hit the ground!

PSLRA will be offering Rally at our Specialty this year and I would encourage you all to give it a try. It's just one more way to have fun with your best buddy.



Rosie and Carole Jensen prove that you certainly can teach an older dog new tricks. Shown at the WSOTC show where Rosie finished her title

I recently decided that my 10 year old Rosie would love to come out of retirement to give it a try. She still enjoys getting out to work but physically can't do agility or advanced obedience work anymore. She still goes to field training occasionally but is only up to short marks on even terrain. Rally seemed to be the perfect place to get her back out so she made her debut at the Seattle Kennel Club show. Being the Princess that she is, she spent the day making new friends and greeting old ones (She is convinced that they all came to see her and I just let her think that.) and managed to come away with qualifying scores both days.

Rosie continued her quest for the new rally title at the WSOTC trial in Seattle and became Can CH Bayviews Ramblin Rose RN Am/Can CD JH NA NAJ Am/Can WC CC CGC.



Junior Showmanship Incentive Program

The LRC Directors voted unanimously to sponsor any Junior Handler who qualifies for Westminster, or the Eukanuba Invitational, by handling a Labrador Retriever exclusively. A gift of \$500 will be applied toward their expenses.

Junior Handlers at the National Specialty will be allowed to enter all events with their same dog at no fee. October 2004.



Chris Dotson and Hailey are really moving out at the show in Oceanside, B.C. Below, Diane Smith and Bonzer await their turn at the Oceanside show.



Since this rabbit was too big to deliver to hand, Reiley and Murphy Pado decided if you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

Seattle Kennel Club Educational Booth

A big thank you goes out to all of you who helped with our club's educational booth at the Seattle Kennel Club shows on March 12 and 13, 2005. Our booth was one of a number of breed booths set up at the shows to offer information to interested people about their breeds and to let people actually see and pet their dogs. Our Labradors are always a hit. Many people were able to see and get to know many club members' sweet dogs and gather a wealth of information about our breed and club. Jim and Jeannette Berry, Bea Ferguson, Barb Sheard, David Traylor, Kate Joncas, Ron Perry, Marlys Swanson, Beckie Jensen, Julie Germano, Nina Mann and Susie Sharp—thank you all for volunteering your time and energies. Ron Perry was also instrumental in organizing the "Meet the Breed" presentation on both Saturday and Sunday.

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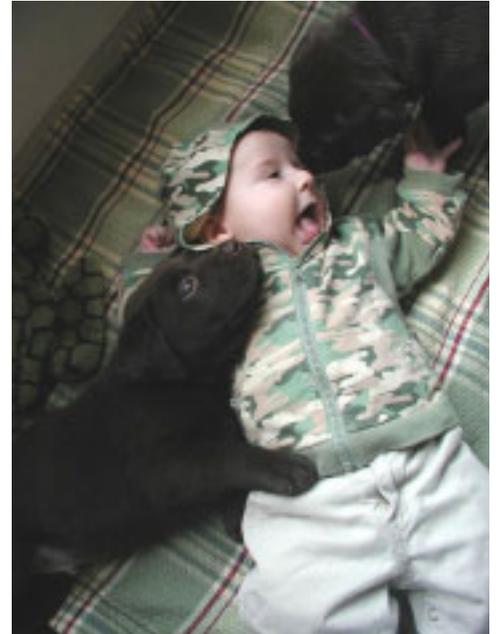
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You're never too young to savor a Lab's companionship. Three and one-half month old Hayden Coulumbe shows his appreciation of two Labrador puppies from his mother Karen's recent chocolate litter.



LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 04/11/05 that conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics. Information is as submitted by owners and provided as a service to the public. Listings of litters are in no way an endorsement by PSLRA of any litter or any one litter over another. Litters are removed from the list after three months.

To publish **LITTER LISTINGS** in the newsletter, the following information **must be available**:

- Elbows and hips must be certified on both the sire and dam. Dogs and bitches whelped before 5/1/87 are exempt from elbow clearance requirements and will be marked OFEL N/A. Prelims are not acceptable! The board has recently agreed to accept PennHip clearances that score in the 50th percentile or higher, passing Wind-Morgan clearances, and clearances from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in Canada. Female Labradors (bitches) with a Wind-Morgan, Penn Hip, or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 20 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance. Male Labradors (dogs) with a Wind-Morgan, Penn Hip or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance.
 - Eye clearances on both parents annually. After the dog's examination at age 10, annual examinations are no longer necessary.
 - Heart clearances will be included in the listing at the discretion of the breeder.
 - A PSLRA member must own either the sire or the dam and must submit the listing for a non-member.
 - **Please contact Marlys if you need a Litter Listing form, to be used for ALL litters.**
 - All Breeders must update their litters each week with Marlys Swanson via email (marlyss982@aol.com) as to the sex and color of puppies you have sold. The listing will be deleted after three months from the first litter listing date unless she hears from you.
1. Mail the completed form and a check for \$10 (operating expenses for Breeder Listing and Puppy Referral Programs) to: **Marlys Swanson, 3512 – 93rd Place NE, Marysville, WA 98270.**
 2. Your litter notice will appear in the next PSLRA newsletter **if** it conforms to the Code of Ethics.
 3. If you know that the Litter Listing and the Puppy Referral programs have helped you sell your puppies, **please send a donation to PSLRA** (c/o Marlys Swanson) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

LITTER LISTING FORMS available from Marlys

Litter born 01/06/05

(1YM Available)

Sire: Can Ch Ghoststone's Boomtown, JH
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, Cardiac 27mos, CERF 11/13/04
 Dam: Am/Can Ch Tormentil Citori At Mainland
 OFA 24g, OFEL 24, CERF 01/04/05
 Litter: 1 YF, 7 YM
 Contact: Shelah Frey 425-643-6884
 Email: shelahfrey@comcast.net
 Listed 2/2/05, 4/5/05

Litter born 3/23/05

(1BF, 1BM Available)

Sire: Am/Can CH Sharays Jeremiah CD
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/26/04, Cardiac 44mo
 Int. CH Koa's Kauai Elegance JH, CD, WC, CGC
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 5/8/04
 Litter: 1YM, 2YF, 3BF, 3BM
 Contact: Chantel Nahoopii (360) 724-5227
 Email: koalabs@msn.com
 Listed: 2/12/05, 4/4/05
 Sedro Woolley, WA

Litter born 1/30/05

(2 YM Available)

Sire: Int Ch HiltonHall's Rainbow Warrior WC
 OFA 24E, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/26/04
 OFA Cardiac 10/7/2001
 Dam: Fairwood's Golden Dream
 OFA 30G, OFEL 30, ACVO 5/24/04
 Cardiac Exam 10/6/02
 Litter: 3 YF, 7 YM
 Contact: Loren and Malea Jackson 425-271-7566
 Email: wajacksons@comcast.net
 Listed 2/11/05, 4/7/05
 Renton, WA

Litter born 3/30/05

(1CM, 5BM, 1CF, 4BF Available)

Sire: Skyfire's Just Lucky I Guess
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/17/04
 Dam: Willoridge's Cider House Rules
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 11/11/04
 Litter: 1CM, 5BM, 1CF, 4BF
 Contact: Greg Phillips (360) 392-6971 or (360) 201-0266
 Email: greg@willoridgelabs.com
 Listed 4/11/05
 Ferndale, WA

Litter born 3/24/05

(2 YM Available)

Sire: NFTCH* AFTCH AFC FC TNT's Mr Peabody
 Prairemarsh, *2004 Canadian National Field Champion
 OFA 24E, OFEL 24, Cardiac 34, ACVO 12/5/04
 Dam: Cropper's Rd. Lk Royal Honey SH
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 2/02/05
 Litter: 1 YF, 4 YM
 Contact: Bob Gunther (206) 782-8081 (mesg)
 C: (206) 276-7644 Email: bgunthers@aol.com
 Listed: 2/17/05, 4/4/05
 Seattle, WA

Litter expected 04/07/05

(3 YM Available)

Sire: Int'l CH Rocking M's Royal Heir's Topaz JH WC
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 02/27/05
 Dam: Int'l CH Timberline Annie Get Yr Gun JH CD CGC
 OFA 24E, OFEL 24 CERF 9/11/04
 Litter: 4 YF, 6 YM
 Contact: Kimberly Dotson (253) 538-7972
 Website: clovercreeklabs@msn.com
 Listed 3/11/05, 4/7/05
 Tacoma, WA

Litter Born 3/22/05

(3 BM, 4 CM, 1 CF Available)

Sire: BISS CH Cressmoor's Iron Oxen
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 7/9/04
 Dam: Willcare Klasik Joyful Noise, WC
 OFA 26G, OFEL 26, CERF 3/02/2005
 Litter: 3BM, 4 CM, 2 CF
 Contact Perrin Christensen (907) 344-7769
 Email: perrinsk9s@ak.net
 Listed 3/29/05, 4/4/05
 Anchorage, AK

Litter expected 04/25/05

(Blacks)

Sire: Desert Coal Train
 OFA 25G, OFEL 24, ACVO 2/27/05
 Dam: Rocking M's Blu-Chip Emerald SH
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 2/27/05
 Litter: all black expected
 Contact: Bryant and Cindy Meyer (253) 846-9583
 Email: rockingmlabs@qwest.net
 Listed: 4/11/05
 Spanaway, WA



Other Dogs That A Breeder Has Decided To Place

(Note) Owners of all dogs that are listed here have filled out and signed a PSLRA "Listing Form" disclosing to prospective buyers any known health and/or temperament issues and are on file with the Breeder Listing Chairperson.

These dogs are usually well socialized, frequently have some training, and are very desirable as companions. These dogs may not meet either owner's requirements for show or field performance or the code of ethics for breeding. Prospective buyers are encouraged to ask whether these older dogs have acceptable clearances on eyes, hips, and elbows and the reason why the dog is being placed. The listing of other dogs in no way constitutes an endorsement by P.S.L.R.A. Price will vary.

Yellow female, 4.5 mos. (intact)

She is as sweet as the day is long. Very mellow and use to kids and noises.

Contact: Vicky Hoskinson, 360-856-0649

Email: cameolabs@comcast.net

Listed 3/8/05

Sedro Woolley, WA

Black Female, 16 mos. (intact)

House broken, crate trained. Great with kids, dogs and cats.

Contact Marcy Johnson, 206-510-3467

Email: Marcy@soundviewlabradors.com

Listed 3/16/05

Seattle, WA

Black Female, 11 mos. (intact/must be spayed)

Socialized, leash trained, crated, has been shown, good size, sweet, moderately active girl. Both parents are champions with all health clearances.

Contact: Cecilie Drege, 360-435-0456

Email: Cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com

Listed 4/6/05

Arlington, WA



Mystery Lab, from photo taken in 1930s or 1940s.

Local Member Selected As Dog Handler for Iditarod

Lance Baumann, Director of Training for PetPro Hidden Dog Fencing, was one of 100 official handlers chosen from applicants across the United States to assist with handling the over 1,200 dogs participating in the Iditarod. There are over 1,900 applications each year for the many volunteer positions and only a limited number are chosen. Baumann's love for dogs and extensive expertise in dog training made him a natural fit for this job. Each dog handler is required to attend specialized training in how the sled team and harnesses work. They are taught how to hold a gang line as well as how to best manage these excited canine athletes.

This year the handler's job was any thing but easy. The night before, trucks haul in snow to prepare the street for the ceremonial start of the race. The snow conditions vary from year to year and this year's snow did not pack well, it was soft and difficult to walk in. Musher's with the help of the handlers were wobbling in the snow and sinking in while trying to get the over excited dog teams out of their boxes and harnesses and in line for the race. The overall opinion was that those working as handlers this year should receive medals. They sunk into the snow with every step and just walking was a challenge. On top of that they were trying to handle the task of guiding many energetic sled dogs moving at a fast pace.

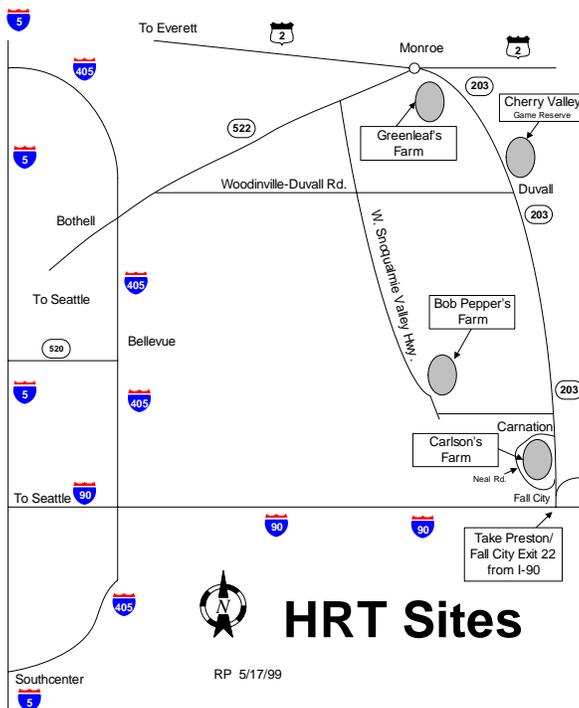
Most handlers are assigned to one musher but are asked to help out with the other teams. The job is so strenuous and physically demanding that many handlers drop out in the process. Baumann was repeatedly called upon to help out with different teams. He made the difficult trek up the crowded street multiple times, getting past other teams and trucks and getting the sleds into position. The handlers need to help the musher as a steady parade of dog teams make their way up the street, only to be stopped just short of the line. The dogs are leaping in the air, barking frantically and showing their displeasure with the "hurry up and wait" process that they are being held to. It was critical that the handlers help manage the dogs at this point so that each sled makes it to their starting point at the right time. The team must be held until it is their time to leave, as each sled leaves at two minute intervals.

The Iditarod is the "last great race" with musher's and their dogs traveling over 1,049 miles of the most beautiful terrain Mother Nature has to offer known as the Iditarod trail. There are 26 vet check stations for the dogs where they are evaluated throughout the race. Not only are they looking out for the health and welfare of the dogs during the course of the race, but they are also gathering important data for clinical research. Sled dogs are exposed to environmental and athletic factors most dogs will never encounter. Iditarod dogs have some of the most intensive health checkups in the animal world.

Visit the PetPro website at www.PetProHQ.com to view photo's of the Iditarod. You can also visit www.Iditarod.com to see more photo's and race results.



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