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President's Message

August is here and many of us will be receiving this newsletter while we are celebrating our breed at the PSLRA Labrador Specialty. The Specialty is one of my favorite yearly events with my dogs. I hope you all enjoy it as much as I will this year. I want to congratulate in advance all the winners and members that pass a leg or two in Obedience and Rally!

I want to thank Linda Maffett and Colleen Doll for working so hard on the PSLRA Specialty. Putting together a big event like the Specialty takes a lot of time and hard work. With all the raffles, silent auctions, stud dog auction, and grill masters, it takes a lot of volunteers – so thanks to everyone involved. I also want to thank Jan Palumbo for chairing the obedience and rally ring - another event that requires many volunteers and a lot of setup time.

The PSLRA Fall Hunt Test is coming up on August 24 and 25. This will be a great time for you to get your Labrador out and do what they were bred to do! I believe there is still a need for marshals and I'm sure Liz Gibson can use volunteers in other areas, too. Please feel free to contact Liz at liz@telopealabs.com if you would like to volunteer. It takes a lot of volunteers to run this event. Let's not leave it up to the same handful of people.

August can be a hot month, so please make sure you watch your dogs, carry plenty of water and if possible keep them in the shade!

Sincerely, Cathy Hakola, PSLRA President

Saying of the Month: You think dogs will not be in heaven? I tell you, they will be there long before any of us. ~Robert Louis Stevenson



IMPORTANT DATES

**August 2, 3, 4, KISS and Specialty, Chehalis, Linda Maffett
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August 24, 25, Fall HRT, Pepper's

August 28, board meeting

September 22, Health Clinic

Newsletter Information:**Publishing of an article or advertisement**

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"newsletter ideas" in subject line.

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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 litter advertising must comply with the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

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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: **Stephanie Harris, Membership Chair**
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club business**July board/membership meeting**

PSLRA Board Meeting Wednesday, July 24, 2013, Teleconference. Cathy Hakola, Nina Mann, Jan Palumbo, Cindy Freeman, Kimberly Dotson, Shelah Frey, Stephanie Harris, Tamaria Hartman, Brenda Hubbard, Jill Mahoney. Special guest: Linda Maffett.

Officer Reports*President:* Included as agenda topics.*Secretary:* Letters of invitation and contracts for judges for the 2014 Specialty went out this month. Judges have all accepted by email. One contract, from Carl Lentz, has been signed and returned.*Treasurer:* Cindy Freeman provided detailed reports showing PSLRA financial status. The club has the following in its accounts:

CD	\$ 3,803.55
Checking	\$14,157.30
Savings (Rescue)	\$ 3,799.15
Total	\$ 21,805.00

Committee Reports*Rescue:* See the article in this month's Newsletter about Tucker, a rescue boy from 7 years ago who's being used in whale research at the University of Washington. Brenda also reported that she was picking up an 8-yr old black female who was surrendered by a homeless man. The dog was emaciated and had ear, eye, and skin infections. Brenda will have more updates once the dog is in her care and gets some love and medical care.*Membership:* PSLRA has the following new members: Don & Lynne Pammler, Kathleen Ball, Sarah Baker, Elizabeth O'Callaghan, Tracy Hildebrandt, Jeff & Suzanne Chandler, Gretchen Keim, Larry Pepper, Jami Roberts, Linda & Steve Woods, Ramdas Vaidyanathan, Kelly & Duane Statema, Seth Stell and Bob Green.*Specialty 2013:* Linda Maffett reported everything is on track for the Specialty. A new event, the stud dog auction, was discussed. There will not be breakfast offered by the Grillmasters this year - not enough help. The Board discussed the Stud Dog Auction at the Specialty. The issue was whether the breedings which have been donated must conform with the PSLRA Code of Ethics. Specifically, there are three dogs whose services are being donated who have preliminary but not final OFA clearances. PSLRA Code of

Ethics recommends final clearances and requires them for listing the litters. The Board decided these dogs could participate in the auction but a disclaimer would be made saying PSLRA did not endorse any of the stud dogs. In followup email after the meeting the Board discussed reactivating a Code of Ethics review committee to discuss the issue further and make any necessary revisions to the Code of Ethics.

Fall Hunt Test: Liz Gibson is chair. They are looking for marshalls. Please contact Liz if you can marshall.*Fall 2013 Agility Trial:* No report. Nina will need to move into a larger house if we order any more class or qualifying score ribbons! Agility chairs please contact Nina and get Board approval before ordering any more ribbons, except for the special Mach ribbons.*LRC National:* Jill Mahoney reported the following: All the premium lists are posted on the BaRay website and R2Agility Entry Express. September 11 is the closing date for entries. September 4 is the closing date for advertisements. There will be a BBQ on the show site rather than at the Gilchest's home. There will be lots of cool events and prizes at the National. Jill recommended that anyone who wants sweatshirts and t-shirts should order them ahead, as she expects they will sell out. Get your payment in soon for parking/camping as there is already a waiting list.**Old Business***New Contact for Master National:* We need to appoint a representative for the Master National. Bryant Meyer will not be going this year. This needs to be done asap.*Master National Amendment:* This proposed amendment, which changed requirements for entering the Master National, failed. PSLRA had voted against it.**New Business***Cherry Valley Fund:* It was moved, seconded, and passed that PSLRA contribute \$100 to the Cherry Valley Fund, which is to cover mowing of the grounds. There are five clubs, which are contributing to keeping up on the mowing at Cherry Valley. Periodically PSLRA will be asked to contribute its fair share of the cost.*Fred's List:* Fred Drennan, who was unable to make it to the meeting, had a



The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.



**Business Opportunities at the LRC National Specialty Show
October 6th to 13th 2013**

It's time once again for the annual Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.'s National Specialty Show. This year's Specialty will be held at the Regional Athletic Complex, 8345 Steilacoom Rd. SE, in Lacey, Washington. We are excited to announce the following sales and marketing opportunities are available to pet and non-pet related businesses.

We encourage all members of the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc., Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association and the Rose City Labrador Retriever Club to refer any and all businesses who may be interested in participating in the sales & marketing opportunities offered at the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.'s National Specialty Show.

Attendee Welcome/Gift Bags

Business & Individual Marketing Opportunity

As a way to welcome show entrants from near and far, we will be providing Welcome/Gift bags for all participants.

To make this year's bags special, we are encouraging anyone who would like to make a contribution to the Welcome/Gift bags to do so.

We also invite local businesses to take part in this unique marketing opportunity. Examples of items show participants may find useful in our Welcome/Gift Bags include, but are not limited to:

- Pens • Pet Waste Disposal Bags • Dog Toys
- People Snacks & Beverages • Coupons for Local Restaurants • Coupons for Pet & Non-Pet Services
- Local Attraction Information & Brochures
- Local Business Brochures & Business Cards

If you or your business are interested in contributing an item to our Welcome/Gift bags please contact: Leslie Douglas, Chair National Gift Bag Committee, 11025 6th Ave. W., Everett, WA 98204, Phone: 425.513.1005 or Email: ledougl@aol.com

Please Note: Since Purina is donating the gift bags plus dog food & treat samples, we cannot accept these types of contributions from other donors.

Vendor Booths

Pet and Non-Pet Products & Services Sales

Shopping and pet services rate very high on the list of preferred activities for National Specialty attendees. To add that special touch to the show, Vendors are always welcome and encouraged.

Booths will be for five days of show related events, and begin on October 7th and run through October 11th.

We are seeking the following types of businesses to participate in this year's vendor opportunities. Including, but not limited to:

- General Pet Supplies • Pet & Non-Pet Themed Apparel
- Breed / Non-Breed Specific Gifts & Specialty Items
- Veterinary Clinics • Holistic Pet Healthcare Providers
- Pet Intuitives • Performance & Companion Dog Trainers
- Groomers & Pet Spas • Doggie Day Care Centers
- Boarding Kennels • Pet Sitters & Dog Walkers
- Hunting & Outdoor Supply Retailers
- Other Non-Pet Related Goods & Services

Vendor space is offered at \$100.00 for an initial 10'x10' block, additional 10'x10' blocks are \$50.00 each, plus a product or services donation from the Vendor for the "Everyone Wins Raffle" and/or an item to be included in the event attendees Welcome/Gift Bags. Please Note: Vendors must provide all their own booth equipment.

For more information please contact: Cheri Wildes, Vendor Coordinator, 15909 10th St. SE, Snohomish, WA. 98290, Phone: 425.260.2338 (Cell) or Email: cheri@gunsuplabs.com to receive a Vendor Packet including a copy of our Vendor Agreement to secure booth space at this year's event.



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long list of items to be discussed. The Board deferred to next month's meeting.

Open Discussion

—We discussed what PSLRA could do to contribute to the National. Agreed to follow up by email after the meeting.

—Kimberly Dotson/Winning Colors, offered to donate ribbons for the Canine Good Citizen test, which will be held at our Specialty. She also said she will donate ribbons to this cause in perpetuity, or at least as long as PSLRA and Winning Colors continue to exist. Thank you Kimberly!

—Jan Palumbo was approved to purchase two stopwatches for rally at the Specialty, and for use at the match and ShowNGo.

—Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.
Upcoming Meeting: August 28

Braggs

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CEDARWOODS
SIGNATURE BROWNING
COPIED JH, WC finished his
GRAND championship in six
shows with six majors and a
Group 4! Siggy has multiple
MAJOR pointed get from the
puppy classes!—submitted by
Diann Sullivan



Cad CH Jandor Meadowmist,
WB, BOW, BOB at Rose
City Labrador Specialty.
Shown beautifully by
Meadows' friend, Judy
Chambers. This was a 5 point
major.—submitted by Janet
Healy (Jandor Labradors).

Quail Run's Long Drink of Silence WC
CGC, Caine (CH Mar-Moye Low Country
Gullah CD RN JH x Quail Run's Kiss and
Tell) was WD, Best BBE and received a
JAM at the Rose City Labrador Retriever
Club specialty on July 12, 2013, for a 4
point major under breeder judge Nancy
Talbot (Belgold).

Then on July 14, 2013, at Timberland
Valley Dog Fanciers he was WD/BOW
and BOB and received a Group 4, all
under Virginia Lyne!

Caine is bred, owned and handled by
Cindy Freeman.



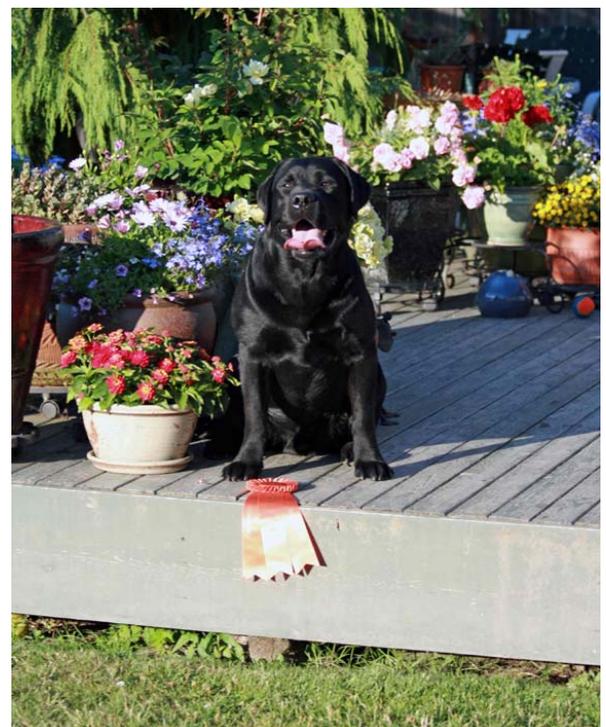
It has been a good month of hunt tests for my boys! We entered our first HRC tests at the Lower Columbia HRC Club's double-header June 22, 23, and they all came home with ribbons. Larson and Murphy (who at 11.5 was entered for fun) both earned two Started passes towards their SHR titles, and Fergus earned two finished passes towards his HRCH title. The following weekend, Larson earned his third JH pass at the EGRC's HRT and Fergus earned a MH ribbon. While Fergus finished his MH title last year, this was our first pass as a team. To top it off, Larson finished his JH at the Rose City LRC's hunt test on Sauvie Island July 7—this is his first title and he is now ReiMur's Good Humor Man JH! We will continue training for SH now. All passes were owner-handled.—submitted by Darlene Pado



Shown in photo from left to right are Barb Gilchrist and Hail, Tamaria Hartman and Rain.

Rain, Blackthorn's Right As Rain, can now add WC to his name. At the RCLRC WC/WCX test on Sauvie Island in June, Rain made us proud (at 10 months) by earning his WC along with his sire Hail, GCH Blackthorn's Hailstorm. Rain currently lounges with me and is proudly co-owned with Barb Gilchrist.—submitted by Tamaria Hartman

At the Golden Retriever Hunt Test on June 29, Max earned his second wing toward his Junior Hunter title. It is very exciting to watch what he has accomplished so far. Max is proudly owned by myself and son, Bruce Ferguson.—submitted by Bea Ferguson



Noses in the Know

by Laura Berger

I started doing Nose Work with my dogs about a year ago. It all began with a search for something not too strenuous to do for my youngest lab, Kismet, who was suffering from bouts of panosteitis. He was going to a therapy pool to swim, but still needed something to do, a job, a fun job!

The NACSW (National Association of Canine Scent Work) was formed by a group of drug, arson, SAR detection trainers who realized that the pass rate of dogs going into these lines of work was actually quite low, but that all dogs have a wonderful sense of smell and are perfectly capable of finding various odors. These folks began to devise a sport in which any dog could participate and the news of it spread like wild fire.

It all starts in a room with multiple boxes strewn about into which the instructor drops treats so that the dog is constantly rewarded for putting its nose into the box. Gradually the degree of difficulty to find said treat is raised until it is not just looking for treats in boxes. The hiding places for treats can be anywhere. When I started in my house I would put treats in all sorts of places, initially low enough for them to follow as if they were tracking. In class our instructor would hide them in just about anything, from a shoe to a toothbrush holder, to a plastic Easter egg or a carry bag. We soon discovered that one could hide a treat nearly anywhere!

All dogs work the room individually which means this is also a fabulous sport for reactive dogs, shy dogs, deaf dogs, any dog! Since I have started doing this with my own dogs, I have sent many of my own clients to my friends' classes when I see fearful, abused, withdrawn, bored dogs and it always brings a smile when I see improvement in their issues. Nose Work builds confidence, gives dogs purpose, and is also just plain fun!

After six weeks the dogs are introduced to their first odor, birch. This is generally hidden via Q-tip in a small metal container with holes in it, but the Q-tip can also be placed in a straw or small plastic tube. The "hide" is always paired with a small treat initially, and once the dog has located it, the handler rewards the



dog instantly with more treats. One thing we as handlers instantly learn is to reward at source, meaning the treat is given exactly where the hide is so that the dog learns that food is always forthcoming when it finds the hide. As training progresses the dogs also learn to alert the handler with various signals once it finds the hide. This varies with every dog. Some merely look at the handler, others sit and look, and I have seen dogs paw at the location of the hide and one in particular that I saw at a trial recently scratched the ground with his hind legs as if he were covering an area he had marked! There is no wrong answer by the dog once he indicates the hide.

While most folks do this for fun, and for yet another outlet that they can participate in that requires very little obedience, some also choose to compete in Nose Work trials. Currently there are three levels of trials, as there are three separate odors that the dogs are gradually introduced to. Along with Birch the dogs will eventually learn to find Anise and Clover. As with any dog sport the level of difficulty to find odor increases and by NW3 there are multiple hides in one location. At all levels there are four elements; interior, vehicle, exterior and container. Of course there are rules governing trials that cover how a trial is to be set up, and logistics are important. Because the handler has no idea where the hide is, they cannot see any other dogs search any of the elements and basically hang out in a parking lot waiting their turn at each element. I have made a lot of new dog friends through this social time! Of course, we cannot discuss any of the elements and cheating is impossible.

In order for a dog to be entered in a trial it must first pass an odor recognition test. In this test the odor is placed in a box with the lid closed and placed among 11 other identical boxes; it's impossible for the handler to know where the hide is. The dog has three minutes to find and somehow identify that he has located the odor. When the dog alerts the handler in his own often unique way as I mentioned before, the handler calls alert, and the judge tells you to either "feed your dog" or "sorry, it's in this box"! It's pass or fail with only one shot. Even if the dog has alerted to the incorrect box, it is always encouraged to find the correct one so that it never fails. There are warm up boxes that can also be used afterward so that the dog is always reminded of what it is looking for.

I recently competed in my first trial with "Gimme," my 8-year-old black lab, and my hunting dog extraordinaire. He has always had difficulty with exterior hides, not because he can't find them, but because as a hunting dog, he marks everything in the field, and eliminating on an element search is grounds for removal! He also doesn't seem to understand why we are looking for odor when there could be birds! I could not believe how nervous I was, even though I trust this dog to do his job, especially all of the other elements. The trial was held at a local community college, perfect for all of the required elements. Our first search was interior, a classroom with rows of tables and chairs. He did

very well, once he had gone over to introduce himself to the officials, and located the hide in the crook of a chair. Next was the vehicle search, three smaller pick-up trucks parked side-by-side. I started him in between the first two vehicles and he made a beeline for the front bumper of the second truck. He got a “pronounced” for his quick work and I got kudos from the judge, as I was the only one so far that day to check wind direction. “Pronounced” means the judge sees great teamwork. Our third search was the containers, which were set up on the floor of an auditorium. Gimme trotted in there and began pushing incorrect boxes out of the way with his nose until he alerted in the correct one. We are on fire! Three down, one to go! By now my nerves have settled, I have met some great new friends and we all spend time talking dogs. The exterior search is in a courtyard with a couple of raised flower beds, not too large of an area, and two trees down the center that have no grass around them, no grass anywhere. I am confident! He searched well; jumped into one of the flowerbeds where I am convinced a stray kitty had probably taken a dump, so I gently pulled him off of the area. The stonewalls surrounding the flower beds had a vent of some sort that he spent some time sniffing, but never held to it and moved on from it, twice! The timer always lets the competitor know when they are running out of time by calling 30 seconds. Now I was getting a little panicked, and took him back to where I was thinking the hide could be, and was convinced it was the vent, but he would not hold, let alone alert me to its presence. When the judge called time, he asked me if I knew where it was, and I was right, it was in the vent! I could have killed Gimme, but instead took him back to it, and rewarded him for finally putting his nose on it. As it turns out, I wasn’t the only one to have difficulty with this search. One of my fellow classmates said loudly as I was leaving the search area “at least he didn’t pee!” Nothing like finding the bright side. There was much discussion afterward on what I should have done, but most agreed I could not have called the alert because he never held. Oh well, next local trial is Memorial weekend, so we will definitely try again! Hopefully I will be able to get both Kismet and Gimme into this trial, as there will be three NW1s in one weekend.

Nose Work is quickly gaining in popularity, but for now actual trials are few and far between. As more instructors become

certified by NACSW, and start teaching classes there will be a boon in the number of trials offered. NACSW is also working on an elements competition, where the dog will not earn a NW1, 2 or 3, but will be able to show off their expertise with individual elements. Some dogs excel in containers, some on vehicles, etc. I am very excited to have become involved in a dog sport from its beginnings so that I can watch it grow.

If you are interested in getting involved, check out NACSW’s web site for more info and to find an instructor near you. Beware of imposters. Seek out certified instructors. Above all, have fun with this new sport! As they say in Nose Work, “May the source be with you!”

This article was obviously written some time ago and was published in the winter/spring issue of *Labrador Quarterly*. Since then, I entered and ran Gimme and Kismet in a trial on Memorial weekend. Gimme once again had trouble with the exterior hide, as did many others. It turned out to be a very difficult hide and only one dog titled that day. Gimme gave me a very strong alert on a door and I called it only to find that the hide was in the crack of a sidewalk, up against a grass area, two feet away from a tree. Needless to say, with his history of marking I was avoiding the grass area and when I took him

to where the judges said the hide was, he did not show any interest in it, which is very unusual for him. It had been a very wet and rainy weekend, and on this day it rained all day, making the odor pool in the puddle of that spot, and with the wind, blow towards the tree. I was still very proud of the work Gimme did on the rest of the hides, and he placed seventh overall even though he didn’t title. Kismet had a much better trial the day after Gimme ran and he titled, which is unusual for a first trial. We had 21 dogs pass the day of Kismet’s trial. Most of you have already read about Kismet’s success at the trial so I will spare the details except to say that he had a blast on every search, especially the containers where he ran full speed to the correct box in 7.23 seconds, enough for first place. Awards are given for first thru third place in each element as well as overall and Kismet was tenth overall as well.

Training for a trial can be time intensive, but one can also set up practice scenarios that take very little time. Above all, if you are interested in getting into Nose Work, find a certified instructor! The majority of the failures we see at trails are by folks who train alone or with the aid of video only. It is imperative to find a good instructor so that they can properly guide you to success! This is a super fun sport that I highly recommend!



Rewarding Kismet at the source

Rescued Lab, Tucker, succeeds at new job.

Tucker has learned to communicate with his handlers through subtle signals as to where he wants the boat to go as he tracks the scent of the Orca scat. The scat only floats for about 30 minutes, so time is of the essence. Through his body posture and such small clues as the twitch of an ear, Tucker directs the boat to the small areas of scat that he locates. His attentive handlers must interpret Tucker's signals and set the boat on the indicated course. The only reward that Tucker wants for a successful find is a play session with his beloved orange ball on a rope! When a fecal sample is found, the researchers bring it in to the boat where Tucker waits and then substitute his ball at the last second, reinforcing the find with the reward.

For more information about Tucker, just look for the many articles about him listed on Google!



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Annual Eye, Heart, Microchip, Centronuclear Myopathy and Exercise Induced Collapse

CASCADE KENNELS

20004 178th N.E. Woodinville

Eye and Heart exams limited to Labrador Retrievers (exceptions: other breeds owned by PSLRA members)

All breeds and owners welcome for EIC, CNM and Microchips

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2013

By pre-reservation only-closes when limits are reached or September 15 - whichever is first : Eye clinic-absolute limit of 100 dogs.

Heart Screen/ECHO limit 30/12; Centronuclear Myopathy (CNM) – no limit; Exercise Induced Collapse (EIC) – no limit

Payment of all fees is required in advance before reservations are confirmed.

A \$5.00 fee will be charged for canceling after paperwork is completed—NO refunds on day of clinic.

REMEMBER: You MUST enclose a copy of each dog's registration papers or litter registration —OR type your entry form!

§ Eye clinic will be performed by Dr. Sullivan, ACVO, of Animal Eye Clinic of Seattle and is for genetic screening only.

§ Do not bring dogs with eye injuries or other conditions requiring treatment.

§ Heart Screening will be performed by Dr. Woodfield, ACVIM (cardiology) of Northwest Cardiology Consultants.

§ In consideration of confidentiality, please refrain from announcing screen results, either positive or negative while at this clinic.

§ EIC and CNM swabs and identification verification will be done by veterinarians who have donated their time.

COSTS: Eye clinic: \$26.00

Heart Screening: (auscultation) \$35.00 Heart exam w/ echo \$175.00

Micro-chipping (TROVAN): \$20.00 (includes registration with AKC/CAR)

Centronuclear Myopathy (CNM) \$50.00 (also called Labrador Muscular Myopathy) (www.labradorcnm.com)

Exercise Induced Collapse (EIC) \$65.00 - - register on line and bring form (http://www.vdl.umn.edu)

EMAIL NINA harbortop@netzero.net or MARY JANE labsix@whidbey.com FOR QUESTIONS

Directions: Take the Woodinville-Duvall Rd East from Woodinville for 2.7 miles to 176th. (Watch for the Cascade Kennel sign) Turn North (left) onto 176th. At the "T" turn right and proceed to PSLRA sign. Follow the signs from there!!!!

Small children will not be allowed in the building due to the sound-sensitive nature of the tests.

If you have multiple dogs it is GOOD to bring an assistant to help you rotate dogs.



PSLRA HEALTH CLINIC

September 22, 2013 Cascade Kennels, Woodinville

Make checks payable to PSLRA. Send fees along with **this form (TYPED) OR a copy of your AKC papers to:**

Nina Mann 5706 312th Street N.W. Stanwood, WA 98292 Questions? Email harbortop@netzero.net

WE NEED EVERY BLANK FILLED IN PLEASE!

Owner _____

e-mail _____ phone # _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

AKC Registered Name _____ Call Name _____

AKC # _____ Tattoo # _____

Microchip # _____ Breed (if other than Labrador) _____

DOB _____ Sex _____ Color _____

Times: 8:00 - 9:00 _____ 9:00 - 10:00 _____ 10:00 - 11:00 _____ 12:00 _____

- Please number in order of preference. Scheduled time is for eye drops. Your preferred time may not be available confirmations will be sent ONLY via e-mail address.

This dog will be: Eye Screened _____ Heart Auscultation _____ Heart Echo _____
CNM _____ EIC _____ micro-chipped _____ (TROVAN ONLY)

Amount enclosed _____

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 7/31/13 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 or Penn Hip clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, or 18 months with an OVC clearance, or 24 months with an OFA clearance.

Eye clearances on both parents annually.

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 Nina Mann if you need a Litter Listing form, to be used for ALL litters.

All Breeders must update their litters each week with Nina Mann via email (harbortop@netzero.net) 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 **Nina Mann, 5706 312th St NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-9649.**
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 Nina Mann) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

Litter born 5/19/2013

1BF, 1BM available

Sire: Am/Can CH Sounder's Pepper Jack
OFA26E, OFEL26N, ACVO 5/2013, Cardiac Normal
Dam: Black Pearl's Sunnydaze Cool Water
OFA27E, OFEL27N, ACVO 4/2013
Litter: 5 BF, 4 BM
Call: Buffie Gonzalez (360) 366-7203
Email: blackpearlkennel@yahoo.com
Listed: 6/19/2013, updated 6/27/2013, 7/16/2013

Litter born 7/1/2013

Sire: Can CH Shiloh's Northern Lights of Cougar Creek
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 9/2012, Cardiac Normal, PRA clear, EIC clear, RD/OSD clear, CNM clear
Dam: Can CH Cougar Creek Ima Tango Too
OFA27G, OFEL27N, CERF 8/2012
Litter: Yellows and blacks expected
Email: Cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com
Web site: www.cougarcreeklabs.com
Listed: 4/27/2013, updated 7/20

Litter due 8/2/2013

Sire: GCH CH/Can CH Gingerbred Celestial Thunder JH Pet Partner
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 9/2012, Optigen clear, EIC clear, Cardiac Normal
Dam: GCH CH/Can CH Harbortop's Belle Nicole RA, Am Can JH WC
OFA24G, OFEL24N, OFALR-EYE1/55, Optigen B, EIC clear
Litter: Blacks and yellows expected
Call: Nina Mann (360) 629-7619
Email: harbortop@netzero.net
Listed: 7/25/2013

Litter due 8/3/2013

Sire: BISS AM Can CH Paradocs Obsidian
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 4/2012, PRA normal, heart normal ECHO, EIC clear
Dam: MBPIS BOSS Can CH Somersun Artesian Silk Stocking WC
OFA24G, OFEL24N, EIC Clear, CERF 9/2012
Litter: Blacks expected
Call: Marlys Swanson (425)422-4789
Email: Marlys2000@gmail.com
Listed: 7/25/2013

Older 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 that is on file with the Listing Chair.

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 hips, elbows and eyes and why the dog is being placed. The listing of older dogs in no way constitutes an endorsement by PSLRA. Price will vary.

Yellow Male ,Seven months

Must be neutered

Happy, friendly, sweet boy. Very stocky in build, beautiful. Will make a wonderful family companion. Parents have all health clearances, Grand Champion sire. Crate trained, beginning obedience work
Email: Cecilie Drege cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com

Yellow female, One Year

Must be spayed

Very active little girl, very beautiful. Champion parents with all health clearances.
Email: Cecilie Drege cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com

2013 All-Around and Versatility Dogs

It's time again to list your dogs for these awards. Fill out the application on the PSLRA web site and send it to me by this year's September 1 deadline.

We already have the three All-Around and two Versatility dogs listed so please get your applications sent in. If the link on the PSLRA web site doesn't work, email Stephanie Harris, web master, and ask her to give you the instructions.

The deadline is SEPTEMBER 1 - not the end of September!

Nina Mann, Harbortop@netzero.net

2013 PSLRA Health Clinic

Good news. Again this year everything can be done with cheek swabs - no more blood draws!

EYES: ACVO/CERF

Dr. Sullivan will be there, as always, performing scheduling miracles to get through 100 dogs in one day. To help with this, we restrict the eye exams to Labradors, except for club members who have other breeds they would like checked. We can only accept litters of puppies if time allows. Please notify us if you have a litter you want checked, but no guarantees. The fee for each dog is \$26.

HEARTS: Dr. Woodfield will be performing the heart exams in a quiet room away from the main examining room. Please be as quiet as possible outside this room. This year he is again doing both auscultation and ECHO examinations. There will be forms available to register your dogs with OFA, or you can go to the OFA site and preprint your form for his signature. The fee is \$35 for Auscultation and \$175 for exams with ECHO. Please, there will not be time for extended consultations. Those will need to be scheduled at Dr. Woodfield's private clinic in Lynwood. Please bring a copy of your AKC papers, as you will need the information for the heart form.

CNM-Centronuclear Myopathy: CNM in Labrador Retrievers is a recessively inherited muscular disease, a disease previously known as Labrador muscular myopathy. The condition is characterized by early onset muscular problems such as awkward gait and difficulty eating. Affected puppies begin displaying these problems within a few months after birth. The test offered here is based on the mutation discovered in France at the Alfort School of Veterinary Medicine. As with other recessive diseases, animals with two copies of the mutation will be affected and display symptoms. Animals with one copy (carriers) and no copies (clear) will not display symptoms. Carriers, if bred to another carrier have the possibility of producing the disease. For more information, go to www.labradorcnm.com. The fee is \$50. Mary Jane will register your dog on-line and bring the necessary paperwork to the clinic.

EIC: Exercise induced collapse. Signs usually first become apparent in young dogs - somewhere between 5 months and 3 years of age. Littermates and other related dogs can be, but are not necessarily affected. Depending on their lifestyle they may never manifest symptoms. Affected dogs exhibiting symptoms of collapse are usually described as being fit, muscular, athletic specimens of their breed with lots of drive. Some of the dogs appear to be uncoordinated. Some dogs appear to have a loss of balance and may fall over. Please visit the EIC site. Preprint and fill out the form. Put your email address in the results area and fill in your OWN vet's name and address so they get results instead of having them sent to the clinic vet. The University of Minnesota research indicates that only 8 percent of Labradors tested are affected, so this is a condition that can be easily eliminated by testing. <http://www.vdl.umn.edu/servicesandfees>. The fee is \$65.

MICROCHIP: The club has Trovan ISO microchips if your dog has not already been micro-chipped. These chips have a prepaid lifetime enrollment with AKC/CAR. You just need to fill in the paperwork. We will mail them in for you. The fee for chip and lifetime enrollment is \$20.

If you have any questions, please contact Nina Mann (harbortop@netzero.net) or Mary Jane Sarbaugh (labsix@whidbey.com)

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