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Because this is my last message for the newsletter, I think it is fitting to summarize the state of our club and highlight some of our accomplishments this year.

Our numbers are strong, and the level of volunteerism among our members is high. The proof of this is the quality and the number of events we hold each year.

Recently, in addition, to the "regular events"—5 Series, B/OB Match, Specialty Show and Obedience Trial, two Hunt Tests, Agility Trial, Tracking Tests, and Eye Clinic—we have hosted special fun/training days intended to introduce new and inexperienced members to conformation and performance events. All of these events have been well attended and popular. More important, in one sense, is the number of favorable comments we receive from members and non-members alike about how well-run and friendly these events are.

The real reason for this club's successes over the year is *you*. Our events are known for their friendly and supportive atmosphere, because our members are committed to keeping this as a PSLRA tradition. And this quality has carried over to our newer events, such as our agility trial, where participants and the AKC agility field representative gave unsolicited compliments to the event organizers and to the club itself.

As I end my second term as president, I am amazed at how much our club has grown, not necessarily in terms of the number of members, but more so in the level of participation by our members. Yet, while we praise this attribute, we seem to avoid being complacent about it. The board of directors is committed to having even more members, especially new members, involved in club events.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped me as president the past two years and made the job so much easier. This begins with my fellow officers and board members, and extends to our many event chairs, committee chairs and event volunteers.

I would like to single out some unsung heroes who rarely get the recognition they deserve. I hope to praise even more people at our Awards Banquet on January 15.

Joni Willing, has been a wonderful and effective membership chair the past several years. She has performed her duties with grace and style, and she brought membership into the modern era by putting everything into a smoothly running Access database.

Marlys Swanson took over Puppy Referral this year from Corene Musga, and both have done an excellent job and put in many hours for the club.

Terrie Sato skilfully edits and develops interesting stories for the newsletter and submits copy to Chris Roth, who transforms it into the beautiful layout you see every month. Chris also applied her excellent editorial skills to our new resource book (which makes an ideal Christmas present, by the way--see our web site).

Again, my heartfelt thanks to all.--Ron



IMPORTANT DATES

*January 15, Awards Banquet
16-20 Sportsmen's Show,
Puyallup*

*March 12 & 13 Seattle
Kennel Club*

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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

December General Meeting Minutes

The December General Membership Meeting of the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association was called to order by President Ron Perry at 4:40 p.m. at the Everett Skills Center on Saturday, December 4, 2004.

Ron thanked Karen Coulombe and Heide Savidge for all their work hosting and decorating for the Christmas party.

Beckie Jensen announced that plans are all set for the annual banquet in January at the Best Western in Puyallup. She would like reservations ASAP so she can give numbers to the hotel. The cost will be \$10 for members.

Chantel Nahoopii was introduced as the new membership chair. She asked everyone to send 2005 dues as soon as possible.

Beckie Jensen, as Nominating Committee chair, presented the slate of Officers and Directors. Nominated are:

President – Jan Palumbo

Secretary – Becky Jack

Vice President – Ron Perry

Treasurer – Darlene Pado

Directors: Kristi Clark, Bea Ferguson,

Stephanie Harris, Marcy Johnson, Dave

Lawniczak, Cherie Levine, Linda Maffett,

Nina Mann, Marlys Swanson.

She then asked for nominations from the floor. As no nominations were made, a motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. It was so voted. It was then further M/S/V to approve the slate as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Nina Mann, Secretary

Annual Awards Banquet

Location: Best Western, Puyallup, 253-848-1500

Date: Saturday, January 15, 2005

Social hour: 6 p.m.

Dinner: 7 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 per person.

Please send reservations to:

Beckie Jensen

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at: timbrlab@tx3.com -or- 360-829-2808

This is a wonderful time to join in the festivities while helping acknowledge the efforts of others. Several awards are presented, as well as the voting in of our new board of directors. We do need a head count for the dinner by January 10, so don't delay in making your reservations.

Happy Holidays!

Beckie Jensen

Braggs

Bayview Amarillo at Daybreak, CDX, Can CD, WC, Rillo has been busy the last two months. She finished her CDX, qualifying in four attempts, and she finished her Canadian CD and earned four points toward her Canadian Championship going Winner's Female at Elsie Murray Canine Centre November 21, 2004. And she just turned two years old. Rillo is bred by Kim Tyler and trained, owned and handled by Debbie Needham of Daybreak Labradors.

At the WIKC show November 13 and 14, Penny placed first both days with a 194.5 and 193 in Novice A Obedience, completing her CD. She is now officially **Angelwood Magic Penny WC CGC CD**. Penny is owned and loved by Marlys, Brad, Daniel and Josh Swanson.

Tio, **Ch Belgairn Pictionary WC**, owned by Janet Schoonover, Jennifer Schmitke and Terry McFadden, took BOB four out of five days at the Coyote Cluster in Tucson in mid November and BOS the other day, with Janet and Jenny showing him.

At the Papago LRC (Barb Ironside judged sweeps and Christine Hubbell judged regular), first AOM went to **Ch Belgairn Pictionary WC** (Ch Weathertop El Nino x Ch Belgairn Peekaboo JH). Breeder: Ron and Jennifer Kelly. Owners: Janet Schoonover, Terry McFadden and Jennifer Schmitke. Tio was shown by his co-owner and junior handler, Jennifer. BISweeps went to **Tallant's Midnight Dakota Breeze** (Kelleygreens Harlem x Ch Rochars Whimsical Whitney). Breeder: Dan Clark, Vickie Harshman and Rita Wagoner. Owner: Katherine, Daniel and Jennifer Schmitke, from the 15 to 18 month class.

Dusti, **Intl Ch Ms T's Dusti Winds Over CharDon**, took WB/BOS at both Yuma KC shows Thanksgiving weekend to minor out, needing one major to finish. Dusti is owned by Terry McFadden, Janet Schoonover and Jennifer Schmitke.

Tio (**BISS Ch Belgairn Pictionary WC**) earned his first NAHRA Started Retriever

wing at the CSHRC Test, December 5, handled by Terry McFadden.

November 7 at the CDTA tracking test in Bow, young Murchie, **Megafood Storm in a Teacup**, earned his TD in fine style—very quickly!—first time out. Bred by Geoff Cake, owned and trained by Nancy Dyson.

Himoon The Duke at Clovercreek JH CGC went WD on September 9, 2004, then the next day he went WD, BOW to complete his Canadian Championship at the Oceanside KC Shows on September 10, 2004. Jake went WD, BOW at Wenatchee Kennel Club Show on September 11, 2004. Jake is trained, loved and handled by Chris and Kimberly Dotson.

Int'l Ch Timberline Annie Get Yr Gun JH CD CGC went WB, BOW, BOB at GHKC on September 18, 2004. Annie also earned her third Senior Hunter Wing on August 28, 2004. Annie is loved, trained and owned by Chris and Kimberly Dotson.

Can Ch Himoon The Duke at Clovercreek JH CGC completed his CD Title at WIKC on November 13. In the breed ring Jake was RWD. Jake is now an All Around Labrador. Jake is trained, loved and handled by Chris and Kimberly Dotson.

Six month old puppy, **Cougar Creek Cliche**, made her debut at the WIKC sanctioned match, November 12, by going best puppy in breed, and a sporting group fourth. Adolescent boy, **Cougar Creek Paint it Black**, was BOB. Both youngsters were bred, loved and handled by Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labradors.

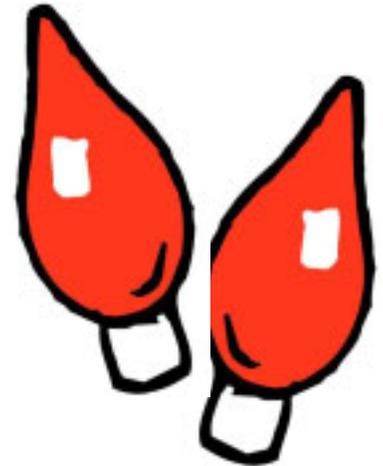
Cougar Creek Cliche was best puppy and RWB (at the age of six months), at the BC show in Cloverdale on November 19. Cliche was bred /owned/handled by Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labradors.

Intl CH Harbortop Death By Chocolate WC, JH, Am/Can CD aka Bailee the Bouncing Black Rocket completed her International title on November seventh in Longview, also making her a 2005 All Around Labrador. Her future will be a

litter of puppies and then on to agility. Bailee is loved and spoiled by Heide and Brittany Savidge along with Kahlua the cat.

U-UD HR Nomad Take The High Road UDT SH Can CD earned his ninth UDX leg at the WIKC show on November 12, 2004. Traveler was bred by Damon Gallegos and is owned and trained by Terrie Sato.

Am/Can/Int Ch Devonshires Bracken WC, owned and handled by Joni Willing, qualified for his first leg on his CD at WIKC on Sunday November 14, 2004.



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SWEEP: CH MOTCH Ye Olde Chimney Sweep of Twigs WCX GMH

by Bonnie McGhie

We had planned to keep the female puppy we liked best from our 1999 Christmas litter. By the litter's third week, a black male puppy was catching our eye. As we watched him, it became



apparent he was different. He was the litter leader, a thinker, yet he was confident, outgoing and full of fun and play. As it came closer to puppy selection time, my husband Gord began a campaign to keep him, pointing out that he was outnumbered by all the females who lived with us and this little boy needed to stay at Twigs Labradors. After the rest of the litter went off to their new homes, Gord began the process of teaching his boy, Chimney Sweep, obedience fundamentals, in little bits and pieces, two or three times a day. As Sweep's training continued, we were amazed at his confidence, his understanding and his willingness to try whatever we were asking of him.

At six months, he was ready to begin competing successfully in Companion Dog (CD) obedience trials and Junior Hunt tests. Before he was a year old, he had earned his CD, WC and JH titles and qualified for two legs toward his Senior Hunter title.

Before his second birthday, he had his CH, CDX, WCI and SH titles and three legs on his Master Hunter Title. Sweep also became a PSLRA All Around Dog in the year of 2001.

In the year of 2002, when he was two, he earned his UD, OTCH, WCX and MH titles. In 2002, Sweep was named fourth High Point Obedience Labrador in Canada.

As a three year old, he earned his OTCHX and the new obedience title of MOTCH or Master Obedience Trial Champion and was named third high point Obedience Labrador in Canada for the year of 2003. An OTCHX requires the completion of the OTCH, or obedience championship, as well as a qualification in both the Open and Utility class at the same trial on five different occasions. The MOTCH requires the completion of the OTCHX plus forty points earned from the Open and Utility class based on reaching a minimum score. Fifteen points must be earned from each class and the remaining ten from either one. A High in Class is also required. During the year 2003, he began collecting the qualifying legs for his Grand Master Hunter as well.

This year, our now four year old, Sweep finished his fifteenth qualifying Master Hunter leg to earn the new Canadian Kennel Club title of Grand Master Hunter (GMH). In his four years of competing, Sweep has earned 14 Canadian Kennel Club titles as well as a Field Trial Certificate of Merit or JAM. We didn't continue competing in Field Trials with Sweep because his handler has a number of limitations including poor depth perception, trying to decide which focal of trifocal glasses to



look through and insufficient wind power on the whistle when challenged by the big field trial distances. However, Sweep is Canada's first Labrador Retriever to qualify for the titles of Champion, Master Obedience Trial Champion and Grand Master Hunter.



There were periods in our lives when careers, children, volunteer work, sports, care for the home and yard and other competing interests, left little time for training a dog. Since then, however, we have become great advocates of the belief that a little bit of training each day is the very best learning environment. We know now, in spite of numerous commitments, we could have begun learning to train our dogs many years ago, had we allotted a few minutes each day and planned for skills development in creative and focused ways.

During these years, we have not travelled down the road of training and skills development with Sweep by ourselves. We have received help from many people. We have borrowed equipment, shared birds, used farmer's fields and other people's undeveloped lands, used parks and trained on school grounds, but mostly we have received help, sound advice, good ideas and meaningful time from so many knowledgeable people. We are proud of Sweep and what we have done together, but his success is appropriately shared with many others.

Those who know Sweep recognize he isn't always task focused, can easily become bored, is very inventive, loves to play, has abundant curiosity, can be a free thinker and will at any time rewrite the rules and standards in both hunt tests and obedience. He has been known to create great interest and laughter during what begins as an ordinary day at a test or trial until he decides to follow his own unique methods of competing. His fun loving antics have endeared him to audiences and other handlers but are truly a challenge to his partner/handler who usually doesn't realize it is "one of those days" until it is too late and we are in the middle of yet another unique and often humbling adventure. We believe that Sweep's unique sense of himself, and his ability to understand and make connections between concepts have allowed us to teach him so much, but we also realize we haven't faced the issue so difficult for many others, the time needed to teach, to train and to compete. We have been fortunate to combine owning a gifted dog with having sufficient time to develop his potential.

Photos are of Sweep, the wonder dog, handler Bonnie McGhie and an anonymous fuzzy goose.



Press Release from the AKC

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Daisy Okas

Date: December 6, 2004

Phone: 212-696-8342

AKC SEEKS "BEST AND BRIGHTEST" YOUNG FANCIERS FOR SUMMER 2005 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club is seeking new interns for the summer of 2005 as part of their popular internship program. Students will be selected for paid eight-week internships at either the New York headquarters or the Raleigh facility. The program will run June 6 - July 29, 2005.

The AKC's intern program was created in the summer of 2002 to nurture the professional development of those with a background and interest in the sport, while also offering a meaningful and challenging work assignment that complements their academic training and career goals.

"Recruiting and retaining employees with experience in the dog fancy is crucial to the AKC's future," said Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC's AVP of Corporate Training and Development. "AKC has been successful in retaining interns from the program as full and part-time employees, and participants have gained work experience that directly applies to their course of study and their interest in purebred dogs — it's a win-win situation for all involved."

The requirements for applicants are:

- * High School graduate
- * Accepted or enrolled in an accredited four or two year college
- * 18 years of age or older
- * Competitive grade point average
- * Involvement or profound interest in the fancy
- * Meet citizenship requirements

Our application package requires the following:

- * AKC Application for the Summer Internship Program
- * Cover letter - please include your interest in the sport of purebred dogs and your thoughts on future employment with the AKC
- * Your resume
- * Copy of your academic transcript

The application deadline is January 30, 2005. Applicants should mail the completed package to:

The American Kennel Club
The Intern Program (TIP)
P.O. Box 37905
Raleigh, NC 27627-7905

Please visit the Employment Section of the AKC web site for more information on the Intern Program and instructions on how to apply at <http://www.akc.org/insideAKC/jobs.cfm?page=6>

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The American Kennel Club (AKC), founded in 1884, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of purebred dogs. The AKC maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world, oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States, and along with its 4,500 licensed and member clubs educates the general public about responsible dog ownership. More than 16,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred dogs are held under AKC rules each year including conformation, agility, obedience, tracking, herding, lure coursing, hunt tests, and field and earthdog trials. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org.



Christmas Party



Left, from top: Barb and Don Ironside and Darlene Pado; Beckie Jensen and son Todd; Ron Perry.
Right, from top: Lee Foote and daughter Clarissa; Cecilie Drege, Lucy Isaacson-Logan holding three week old Hayden Coulombe and Leslie Douglas, standing.

training tips

Competitive Events: The Fear Factor

by Terrie Sato

A number of years ago when I was showing my first Labrador in the Utility A class, an acquaintance came rushing up to me just as we walked out of the ring. We had just failed qualifying. "That was wonderful," she gushed and then added, "and you would have passed had you not been so nervous. Nerves go right down the leash you know. You failed your dog." I had not felt especially nervous before going into the ring. In fact my dog had failed the last half of the last exercise but had performed the other exercises well. I had given the correct command. The dog had simply given the wrong response. I was a bit puzzled by her comments. Since the Utility class is performed totally off leash, it was difficult to understand how nerves could be passed down a nonexistent leash. I did not find her comment very helpful. In fact, I found myself increasingly nervous at each show I entered wondering what I had done to cause my dog to fail.

Last summer at a hunt test, I sat next to a gentleman in his eighties. He had been involved with field trials and hunt tests a long time. In fact, the dog he was running that day had earned fifty seven master passes. It seemed to me that running his dog was a sure thing. I asked him if he ever got nervous taking his dog to the line. He answered that of course he did. In fact, he said that taking his dog to the line got his heart pumping and if it didn't, there would be no reason to run the dog. A sure thing is never interesting. It was the adrenaline rush that came from nerves that kept this man and his dog in the game.

Nervousness in competition is a given. If accepted and enjoyed it can make us work harder and become better competitors. However, nerves can also get in the way of competition. Many people give up simply because they are afraid. The trick is to be mentally tough enough to use our nerves to keep a competitive edge and not get overwhelmed by feelings of fear. A dog show environment can be a difficult place to keep the jitters at bay. As I learned from my experience showing my

dog in Utility, well meaning people can inadvertently make comments that can be mentally devastating. Stand around an obedience ring or a hunt test and listen to some of the comments. People make excuses for their dogs even before they compete. There is too much noise, the judge placed the jump in a bad place, the dogs have to do stays against a bad wall, the blind is too hard for senior dogs, the marks are too long or too tight or too wide. If the conditions of the test aren't bad enough, fellow competitors can't wait to share their personal woes. They had a long drive, got no sleep, had the flu the week before and couldn't train, the dog suddenly stopped doing a down on cement or started breaking on the line. All of this is nervous chatter and is rooted in exhibitor fear. It is also a very negative environment and makes the job of showing a dog more difficult than it needs to be.

Are you feeling the nerves tingling up your spine? Here are some practical ideas to help calm your nerves and prevent fear from factoring into your competitive experience.

1. First and foremost, trust your training. If you have confidence in your training method and have been training on a regular basis, you should be prepared for the competition you have entered. Your dog knows the job and you know the job. Of course, if you have not trained, you may well have reason to be nervous. You may be in over your head! Take note of the problems you had while competing and fix them before you enter another competition. If you got lucky and passed without training, good for you. It won't happen often.

2. Keep in mind that you have no control over the weather, the grounds, the noise or the other people and dogs at a hunt test or show. Control what you can. Keep your dog comfortable. Dress appropriately, bring food and water, crate your dog and seat yourself away from the chaos. If you bring a book and some earphones and music, you won't have to listen to the nervous chatter going on

around you. In fact, you may inspire calmness in others by your example.

3. Watch some of the competition so that you can plan your turn in the ring or on the line, and by all means watch your friends, but do not critique everyone who is competing. You are not in the judge's shoes and comparing yourself to someone else is of little value. Keep your focus on your dog and your job.

4. Know when you are to compete and have yourself and your dog warmed up and ready to go. Between exercises in the ring, keep your mind focused on your dog and the next activity. If your dog makes a mistake, don't dwell on it. Make the next exercise the best it can be.

5. If possible, have someone film your run in the ring. A picture is truly worth a thousand words and will give you more information about your performance and training needs than some well meaning friend.

6. Don't be concerned if you did not sleep much the night before a competition. Studies have shown that a good night's sleep forty-eight hours before you compete is more important than the night before.

7. At a show, be a friend to others. Ask if you can help with anything before a friend goes into the ring. A stand for exam or a quick heel pattern or figure eight while warming up might help remind a dog of its job. However, if no help is needed, wish your friend well and leave. Do not give advice unless it is requested. Last minute advice will probably do more harm than good.

8. Be a good sport. If you have questions about your performance, speak to the judge after the judging is completed. Most judges realize that you are only trying to improve and want to understand where improvement is needed. Keep in mind that judges work within guidelines, but they all make judgment calls based on their opinions. If you feel you were

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judged unfairly, make a note and do not enter under that judge again. At times you will be disappointed with the competition results. Do not allow yourself to wallow in your disappointment. It will continue to haunt you the next time you compete. Instead, think about changes you may need to make, get over it and move on. Do not spend time blaming others or making excuses for a failure. You will have another opportunity to try again. Go home and train for the next time.

For most of us, dog competition is a hobby. A hobby is something to be enjoyed. Even those involved professionally in the sport would do well to keep dog competitions in perspective. Nerves come with the territory, but dog events are only for bragging rights. They do not represent world peace. They are not the cure for cancer. They allow us to test our dogs and ourselves. We should be grateful for the opportunity.



Playing the gift game at the Christmas Party, Joni Willing rolls doubles. She is about to steal from someone.

From the PSLRA Library

by Terrie Sato

Surviving Your Dog's Adolescence by author Carol Lea Benjamin is one of the best general dog training books I have read. Ms Benjamin is the author of many books on dog behavior and has been writing her award-winning column, "Dog Trainer's Diary," for the *AKC Gazette* since 1979. This book begins by explaining how a cute furry puppy can grow from a delightful little bundle of joy into an adolescent problem child. She then proceeds to give solid problem solving advice. The chapters in this book include "How To Have An Appropriate Relationship With Your Dog," "Is Your Dog A Character?," "The Way To Train" and "Dealing With Your Dog's Problems." She uses humor and cartoons to make this book an easy read, but also gives practical advice that will help the reader have a healthy, happy relationship with a dog. Problems discussed include, digging, chewing, shyness, aggressiveness and barking. This is the one book I would recommend to anyone having dog problems. After reading it through the club library, I will definitely be adding it to my own.

Upland Passage, A Field Dog's Education by author Robert F. Jones is 69 pages relating the beautiful story of a man and his dog. Through photographs and a hunting diary, Mr. Jones tells the story of his old dog, Luke, passing the torch to his young pup, Jake. Anyone who has loved a wonderful hunting dog will appreciate this story. Mr. Jones captures the dignity and beauty of a dog at work and wonders at the seemingly innate ability of a young dog to learn the job and enjoy the company of his master. This is a heart warming story.

If you would like to borrow a book from the PSLRA library, contact Sharon Edwards 360-341-1422 or at sharay@whidbey.com.



PSLRA Newsletter Input: LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 12/15/04 that conform to the P.S.L.R.A. 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 P.S.L.R.A. of any litter or any one litter over another. Litters are removed from the list after 3 mos.

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 Swanson 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 3 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 born 10/14/04 (1 YM Available)
 Sire: Can Ch Timberline Big Ben at Fawnhaven SH
 Penn Hip 80th percentile, GDC Elbows normal 22 mo.
 OFA Cardiac 20 mos, ACVO 9/26/04
 Dam: Sharay Lady Daisy Delight
 OFA 30E, OFEL 34, Cardiac 21 mos, CERF 10/19/03
 Litter: 4 YF, 6 YM
 Contact: Beatrice Ferguson (425) 778-6938
 Email: babfergie@verizon.net
 Listed 11/8/04 Lynnwood, WA

Litter born 10/24/04 (1BF Available)
 Sire: Hiltonhall's Rainbow Warrior
 OFA 24E, OFEL 24, mo, OFA Cardiac 34 mos, ACVO
 9/26/04
 Dam: Hiltonhall Miss Cinder
 OFA 30E, OFEL 41, Cardiac 21 mos, ACVO 08/24/04
 Litter: 6YM, 2YF, 2BM, 2BF
 Contact: Laura Goheen (360) 403-9297 cell (425) 344-4702
 Email: gogoheen@aol.com
 Listed 11/10/04, 11/25/04 Arlington, WA

Litter Born 11/11/04 (5 BM Available)
 Sire: Ch Hyspire Darktown Bandit
 OFA 24E, OFEL 24, ACVO 11/4/03
 Wind-Morgan #1329 (Shoulders, elbows, hips and
 hocks) Heart clear 10/19/01
 Dam: Ch Hyspire Ghostriver Fantasize
 OFA 24E, OFEL 24, ACVO 10/14/03
 Heart clear
 Litter: 2 BF 6 BM
 Contact Irlanne Warren (360) 754-4944
 Email: Thistledown1@juno.com
 Listed 12/1/04 Tumwater, WA

Litter Born 11/27/04 (3 YF, 1 YM, 1 BM Available)
 Sire: Ch Lobuff Bobwhite at Chucklebrook
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 02/26/04
 Dam: Can Ch Himoon Poet Laureate, CGC
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 1/24/04
 Litter: Yellow & Black expected
 Contact Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456
 Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com
 Listed 10/07/04, 11/27/04 Arlington, WA

Litter expected 12/8/04 (5BM Available)
 Sire: Ch Belgairn Polo, JH
 OFA 24F, OFEL 24, ACVO 2/20/04
 Dam: Int Ch Sunnydaze Auburn Shade
 OFA 31F, OFEL 31, CERF 7/05/04
 Litter: Chocolate and Black expected
 Contact: Linda Maffett (360) 961-5269
 Email: sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com
 Listed 10/2/04 Seattle, WA



Litter expected 12/10/04 (2 YM Available)

Sire: Ch Lobuff Bobwhite at Chucklebrook
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 02/26/04
Dam: Ch Himoon Water Sports
OFA 25G, OFEL 25, ACVO 09/26/04
Litter: Yellows expected
Contact Lucy Isaacson-Logen (206) 362-8004
Email: Himoonlab@msn.com
Listed 11/8/04 Seattle, WA



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Black male, 9 mos. (intact)

Sweet, calm, well behaved. Going to be a small dog. He has been well socialized, raised with kids, cats, other dogs. Crate trained, great traveler. No health issues. Contact: Laura Steward, DVM (360) 876-6199
Email: cimarronlabs@earthlink.net
Listed 08/19/04, 11/14/04 Port Orchard, WA

Black female, 7 mos. (intact, must be spayed)

Very sweet, beautiful girl. Microchipped, crate trained, socialized, introduced to birds, possible hunting prospect. Both parents champions with all health clearances. Contact Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456
Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com
Listed 11/6/04, 11/20/04 Arlington, WA

Black Female, 3 years (spayed)

Sweet affectionate girl that loves to retrieve. House and crate trained, micro chipped and has had some obedience training. Would make a great hunting or performance companion. Contact Lucy Isaacson-Logen (206) 362-8004
Email: Himoonlab@msn.com
Listed 11/8/04 Seattle, WA

Black female, 3 years. (spayed)

Reese is a really neat dog; she has been a family house pet since she was 8 weeks old. She is house trained, crate trained. Gets along with any other dogs, cats, loves kids. She is a very 'up', smart, attentive dog. Loves to learn and work. Has been through several obedience classes. No health issues whatsoever. Contact: Laura Steward, DVM (360) 876-6199
Email: cimarronlabs@earthlink.net
Listed 11/14/04 Port Orchard, WA

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