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President's Message

Well, in case you haven't noticed, PSLRA has hit the ground running yet again this year. On January 13 we held our annual Awards Banquet. It was a great evening getting together with all of our friends and celebrating all of the wonderful things that we accomplished in the past year. Thanks again to Perrin Christensen for chairing this event. We followed this up two weeks later with the PSLRA booth at the Sportsman Show, held at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. Thanks to Kristi Clark for coordinating everything, and thanks to all of the members who volunteered some of their time to go down and present our Labradors to the general public. My wife, Franna, and I took a shift on Friday night and took our yellow boy Thomas down. It was a lot of fun and we met some great people, saw some friends we hadn't seen for a while and just had a great time.

In February, we (PSLRA) held an Obedience / Rally Show 'n Go at Julie Germano's awesome facility up in Arlington. Many thanks to her for providing such a nice location and also to Jan Palumbo and Nina Mann for chairing it.

There are plenty of events coming up as well. On March 3, we have a Field Fun Day scheduled at Greenleaf's up near Monroe. This event is being chaired by Liz Scott and Sarah Fischer. If you have never taken your dog out for any field work and are curious, this is where you want to start. We will have plenty of club members there to mentor and help keep things running smoothly. The next weekend, March 10 and 11, we will have our club booth at the Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show in Seattle. Every year we have our booth and also participate in the "Meet the Breed" activities. This is another great way to get the general public introduced to the sport of purebred dogs. Lucy Isaacson-Logan is chairing this event for us this year. She will need plenty of volunteers to man the booth and participate in "Meet the Breed." The following weekend (March 17 and 18) will be our first ever spring agility trial. This event will be held at Lake Tye Park in Monroe. Please note that this is a different location than the one listed in the premium. The original site is still too battered from the flooding that occurred in Monroe this winter. This event is being chaired by Dan Selthofer. The final event that I want to mention is the 5 Series, which will be held on April 7. This event will be chaired by Terrie Sato.

Has anybody noticed the one common thread for all of these? It is very simple. In order for us to hold any events or do anything as a club, it takes YOU as volunteers to step up and donate your time to help out the club. I know that you are busy; I am busy, too. There are days when I feel that I am going to tear apart as I am being pulled in so many different directions. I also know there is no way that any one person can volunteer at every event that the club holds every year, although some of you do volunteer at quite a few. The one point that I want to make is that if each and every one of you can find the time to volunteer at just one event each year it would help us all out tremendously. We had something like 112 club members volunteer to help at one or more events last year, which is a number that is just mind boggling. I am very proud to be associated with a club that has that much depth of help to draw from, and I look forward to all of the great things that we are going to accomplish this year as well.

-Dave

IMPORTANT DATES**March 9 Field Fun/Training Day****March 10-11 Seattle Kennel****Club, Meet the Breed,****Lucy Isaacson Logen****hymoonlab@msn.com****March 17-18 PSLRA Agility****Trial, Lake Tye Park,****Monroe, Dan Selthofer,****agilaba@hotmail.com****March 28 Board Meeting****April 7 5-Series, Terrie Sato****wdsato@aol.com****April 29 Tracking Test,****Snoqualmie Valley Habitat,
Duval**

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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:

Chantel Nahoopii, Membership Chair**3413 Woodcrest Lane****Sedro Woolley, WA 98284**

koalabs@msn.com

club business

January meeting minutes

Prior to our January general meeting there was a presentation from Summit Assistance Dogs. Jan presented the Summit representatives with a \$1000 check for one year of training for a Lab puppy. Dinner was served and President Jan Palumbo called the meeting to order.

—*Acknowledgements:* Perrin Christensen was presented with a thank you gift for chairing the January banquet and Perrin's sister, Kristen was thanked for all her help with the banquet.

—Jan introduced the prospective slate of officers and directors for the 2007 Board of the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association. Ballots were distributed and tabulated by Mary Jane Sarbaugh and the other members of the nominating committee. By a unanimous vote, the following were elected:

President - Dave Lawniczak

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Secretary - Carole Jensen

Board:

Chairman - Jan Palumbo

1. Darlene Pado

2. Nina Mann

3. Ron Perry

4. Becky Jack

5. Kristi Clark

6. Susie Sharp

7. Jennifer Hajny

8. Terrie Sato

9. Jessica Meadows

Jan thanked the outgoing board members. All attending then introduced themselves.

—Certificates of Appreciation were presented to those members who have volunteered at our various club events throughout the year: The Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Nina Mann. President's Award was given to Ron Perry. Jan Palumbo was surprised to learn that the Board had overridden her choice for the Member of the Year Award and had awarded it to Jan.

—The President's Achievement Award was presented to Terrie Sato by phone.

—Sharon Edwards presented our Junior Awards.

—Jan Palumbo and Dave Lawniczak presented the Versatility and All Around awards.

—Jan turned the meeting over to new President Dave Lawniczak who made a few announcements. Kristi Clark is looking for volunteers to work in the booth at the Sportsman Show.

Submitted by Carole Jensen



A beautiful spring hunt training day in the Pacific Northwest, at Pepper's Farm.

Welcoming New Members:



Meet the New Editor

Name: Sarah Fischer
 Husband: Travis Fischer
 Kennel Name: Tynder Labradors
 Dogs: Axle and Cosmo; sometimes others visit to train.
 Residence: Renton, WA
 Primary interests: Hunt Tests, showing in Conformation, Obedience, Rally, and Agility.
 Other Interest: Photography
 Day Job: Architect

Filling a position handled by a competent leader is never an easy task. As Terrie Sato moves on to a new role as a member of the board, I wish her the best of luck and look forward to her continued written contributions to *The Retriever Believer*.

The Retriever Believer aims to include all interests the PSLRA supports. With any club newsletter, the richness of the content is generated by the contributions of volunteers who write articles, respond to surveys, and send in photographs. In the coming months I may call upon readers to contribute written expertise or opinion. If I do, please seriously consider responding. If you have an article, brag, photo, or idea for the newsletter the email address is: labradors@tynderlabs.com
 Contributions are welcome and appreciated!

Spring is a very active time of year for our club, check inside the newsletter for event info!

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 Calendar can be
 found online at
<http://www.pslra.org/html/calendar.htm>

Annual Banquet

The 2007 PSLRA Banquet on January 13 was a fun for all. The event was held for the first time at the Puyallup Fair Grounds and was chaired by Perrin Christensen. Evening presentations included a service dog demonstration, club service awards, junior member recognition, All-Around Lab and Versatility Lab awards, and the introduction of new board members. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this event possible!



The Cougar Creek table waits for the festivities to begin.



PSLRA members check in at the Awards Banquet

One highlight of the evening was the contribution of fond memories or stories by club members. The quotes were printed, and distributed on the banquet tables around the room. Look for quotes from the banquet in future *Retriever Believer* issues.



The Klassic ladies check in guests.

"I can't think of just *ONE* good story, 'cept how much I love these dogs...and the people I've met and become good friends with along the way. I have to say my dearest and longest friendships are a direct result of Labradors and for that I'm grateful." - Mary Jane Sarbaugh



Barb Ironside helps Dave Lawinczak and Jan Palumbo distribute awards.



Jan Palumbo presents Terrie Sato with the President's Achievement award via cell-phone held by Barb Ironside.



Look at the neat centerpieces.



Nobody to run the microphone?



The service dog presentation at this year's banquet provided a demonstration of retrieving day-to-day items such as a credit card or a telephone.



Junior award winners shown with presenter, Sharon Edwards.

PSLRA Goals for 2007

The PSLRA Board met on December 9, 2006, to evaluate our accomplishments for 2006 and to plan our goals and activities for 2007. Below are our goals and activities for 2007. If you have any ideas for what you would like to see the club do in 2007, please contact any board member.

Goal 1: Expand activities and encourage new and less involved members to participate in club events

- Continue to hold fun/training days in field, obedience/rally/agility and conformation.
- Continue all 2006 events in 2007.
- Hold an additional agility trial (two trials in 2007).
- Expand mentoring program for new members.

Goal 2: Improve outreach to non-members and the public

- Continue to find new ways to educate non-members and the public about the breed and the club.
- SKC booth and Meet the Breed and Sportsman Show
- Enhance the PSLRA website
- Post newsletter samples on the website and have copies at booth events

Goal 3: Improve Breeder and Puppy Buyer Education

- Revise breeder/buyer guidelines as needed and post on website.
- Solicit/submit newsletter articles that will support this goal.
- Use training day activities to support this goal.
- Solicit speakers for Specialty and other club events that will support this goal.

Goal 4: Volunteer Recognition

- Continue coupons for club merchandise at cost for volunteers.
- Think of new and better ways to recognize volunteers.

PSLRA 5 SERIES SINGLES—Adult & Puppy Stakes

for all Retrievers, Irish Water Spaniels, Standard Poodles, and Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers

WHEN: Saturday, April 7, 2007 Starting 8 a.m. Puppies and Junior Handlers 10 a.m.

WHERE: Cherry Valley Wildlife Area (1 mile north of Duvall on SR203)

WHAT: 5 Series Adult Stakes: \$23.00 Pre-Entry \$30.00 Day of Event

(3 series/ 1 live bird guaranteed, second live bird for fourth and fifth series finalists)

Puppy Stakes & Junior Handler: \$10.00 Pre-Entry \$15.00 Day of Event

(3 series total/ 1 live bird) (Junior Puppy 4-6 months.) (Senior Puppy 6-12 months.)

AWARDS: **5 Series Junior Handler (18 years or younger):** Will receive Rosettes

5 Series Adults: Trophy for first place; first, second, third, fourth place Rosettes and Rosettes to all qualifying scores.

Puppies: Best Junior Puppy, Best Senior Puppy will receive Rosettes first, second, third, fourth place Rosettes to all qualifying puppies.

REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 70 DOGS

*******PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2007*******

Registration on day of event (April 7) between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. ONLY

(Dogs registered on day of event will run *after* the pre-entry dogs)

Make check payable to PSLRA and send with entry form to Terrie Sato

31902 NE 139th ST Duvall, WA 98019/425-788-6628 E-mail: WDSato@aol.com

Name: _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Dog's Registered Name: _____ Call Name: _____

Level(s) entered (check all boxes that apply) 5 Series Adult Jr. Puppy Sr. Puppy

Total Paid _____ Junior Handler: Yes No

I will hold PSLRA and its members free from liability for any claim arising out of the entry of this dog(s) or its presence at the test.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: ONE ENTRY FORM PER DOG. Please make copies of this form to enter additional dogs.

Braggs

Blackthorn Frankly My Dear went WD/BOW for a four point major at the Rose City Classic shows! Floyd also went WD/BOW/BOS for two points at Vancouver KC, and Reserve WD to a four point major at Puyallup, expertly handled by Allison Hillius. We are very proud of Floyd and Allison! Becky and Chuck Tufts

Nipntuck is proud to brag on its babies. On Friday of the Puyallup shows, at her very first dog show, Rick Mullen and Cindy King's **Carmella (Charm x Windfall's Pipe Major)** was WB and BOW for a four point major from the six to nine month puppy bitch class. On the Friday of the Portland shows, under breeder-judge Pauline Mortier, Carmella's littermates went to their first dog show. **Dex (Nipntuck Yellow Pages)** owned by Vicky Hoskinson and Becky Jack, was one of three pulled for WD. And **Ria (Nipntuck Charming Reaction)** was RWB. The entry was 77 Labradors. And last but not least, Rah Rah's daughter, **Booty (Nipntuck Boot Scootin')** at just 14 months old, was RWB the other two days of Portland, with entries of nearly 90. Lots of reserves, but we're proud of our youngsters. Becky Jack and the Nipntuck Labradors

January was an exciting month for Levine Labradors. 2007 is the first year AKC offers titles in a new and exciting Agility event. Our **Ginger Spice Girl MX MXJ** earned her first leg in Novice FAST at Elma on New Years Day. She earned her second and third FAST legs earning a new title at Puyallup.

Strider earned his first and second legs in Standard EXC A at Elma, and picked up the third leg for his Agility Excellent title at Puyallup. He is now **Intl CH WindyCanyons Dark Ranger CD RA JH AX AXJ**. (CH Skyfires Oughta Be A Law CD JH x WindyCanyons Ima Pink Lady CDX SH OA).

At the PSLRA Banquet Strider was presented with both All-Around and Versatility awards for earning titles in Conformation, Obedience, Hunt Test and Agility. In 2006 Strider earned three JH wings and 17 agility legs. It is an honor to receive these awards. I would never have imagined that we would have achieved this level of success when we joined the club. We have had some really great times in competition with Strider. You all have been an inspiration. Strider and Ginger are loved and trained by Mark and Cheri Levine.

Int. CH. Cougar Creek Oso Lyrical accomplished her title in Enumclaw, February 17 and 18. Callie is owned, bred-by, and handled by Cecilie Drege, of Cougar Creek Labradors.

Redwick Roughcut Ruby SH added RN to her name on January 21 by qualifying twice at the Rose City Classic shows. Ruby is owned and trained by Julie Kirk.

Angelwoods Chantilly Lace won WF at the Ladies Kennel Club (January 2007) and Renaissance dog show February 18. Lacey just needs one more point to complete her Canadian Championship. Thanks so much to Ann Leonard who bred and is sharing Lacey with us. Owners Marlys and Brad Swanson.

ShaRay's Clearly Artesian thrilled us at the Renaissance dog show February 18 by going WD, BOW and BOB. Koda also only needs one more point to finish his Canadian Championship. Many thanks to his breeder and co-owner Sharon Edwards for sharing him with us. Koda is loved by the Swansons.

Angelwoods Magic Penny completed her CDX at the Puyallup shows in January. She finished with a first place. Thanks to Ann Leonard who breed her. Penny is owned and loved by the



Ron Perry and puppy Clementine have a good time with the idea of retrieving birds at the 2006 PSLRA Field Fun Day.

What is this event called Rally Obedience?

by Cynthia "Cindy" Freeman

You have acquired a new dog and have decided that you want to do something with it. But what? You have watched traditional obedience trials and are a little intimidated. Hunt tests and agility look like fun, but you're not quite sure about them yet. Maybe you aren't sure YOUR dog could actually do all of those things! Then you hear about this relatively new dog sport called Rally Obedience. You think, "Hmmm, maybe this is something I can do with my dog?" You know what? YOU CAN!

On your way out the door to a show, you look back at your old retired show or obedience veteran and see the disappointment in her eyes. "Why can't I go, too?" the look says. Why not? Many older dogs have come out of retirement to successfully compete in Rally, all the way through the Excellent level. Rally isn't just a sport for young novice dogs. You and your dog can do it, too!

Rally has been an AKC recognized sport since January 1, 2005, when nine trials were held on the east coast and Midwest. The first west coast trial was held at the Kennel Club of Palm Springs on January 7, 2005. There were 16 Novice A entries and 105 Novice B! Who would have thought it would gain in popularity as it has?

Rally consists of three levels, Novice, Advanced and Excellent, and titles can be earned at each level. Three qualifying scores or "legs" are required to earn the title. A qualifying score is a



Sarah Fischer and Cosmo demonstrate a Novice Call Front. At the novice level, the exercise is done on leash. The dog and handler are moving forward in the heel position, the handler call the dog to front. In both novice and advanced the handler may take a step backward to bring the dog into position.

minimum of 70 points out of a possible 100. Each handler/dog team is timed through a course of exercises and the time is used if there are ties for placements. There is even a higher title that can be obtained called an RAE, in which 10 qualifying scores are required by earning a leg in both Advanced and Excellent on the same day. This means 10 shows, and 20 times in the ring.

Each Rally run is done on a course with signs numbering up to 20 stations, depending on the level at which you are entered. The handler and dog team must perform an exercise at each station; therefore, it is the ability of the handler to read the sign, process it and then cue the dog to perform the station

correctly. The only command the judge gives is "forward" at the start sign. Once moving, the team completes the course at their own pace. Handlers may give their dog commands and encouragement during the entire ring experience.

Rally is not as easy as it may appear at first glance. Your dog still has to be able to perform all of the basic obedience exercises: Heel (on leash and off leash), sit, down, front, finish (both right and left), stand and stay. Rally also throws in new variations including: spirals, weaves, circles and jumping (in the advanced and excellent levels). The challenge and part of the fun is that each show will have a different course, designed by the judge. Chances are good you may never run the exact same course twice.

There is no "High In Rally" award to try to keep the sport less competitive.

The biggest difference is the precision you decide to train for. Whether you want perfect scores or simply passing, the decision is yours. This is not a comparison of traditional obedience and Rally, as they are as different as apples and oranges. There will always be a place for traditional obedience in the sport of dogs.

What Rally can do for a newcomer to the sport of dogs is to provide ring experience in a less stressful environment in addition to bonding with their dog. It improves the team's confidence. Many teams who never considered continuing on to traditional obedience when they first began Rally are changing their minds after completing their Rally titles. They are realizing that they and their dogs have more capabilities than they ever dreamed.



Cindy Freeman and Tazz collect themselves after a tricky rally advanced jump just before moving to the next exercise.



Kristy Clark is demonstrating the call to front, 1-step back, 2-steps back, 3-steps back. The handler takes steps backward and the dog moves into front position. The handler and dog should move as a team.

Most important, Rally is fun for you and your dog. Since encouragement is allowed, the owner is able to provide instant positive reinforcement on commands, helping the dog gain positive ring experience. Some dogs have an easier time remaining enthusiastic. This is a great tool for working through problems that may have been building with a “ring wise” dog. In my own experience, I have one dog that really hated Novice obedience and would stop during the heeling pattern to watch me complete it alone. Since starting in Rally her heeling has improved and so has my attitude with her training. After gaining valuable ring experience in rally, she will now be able to finish that last leg on her CD.

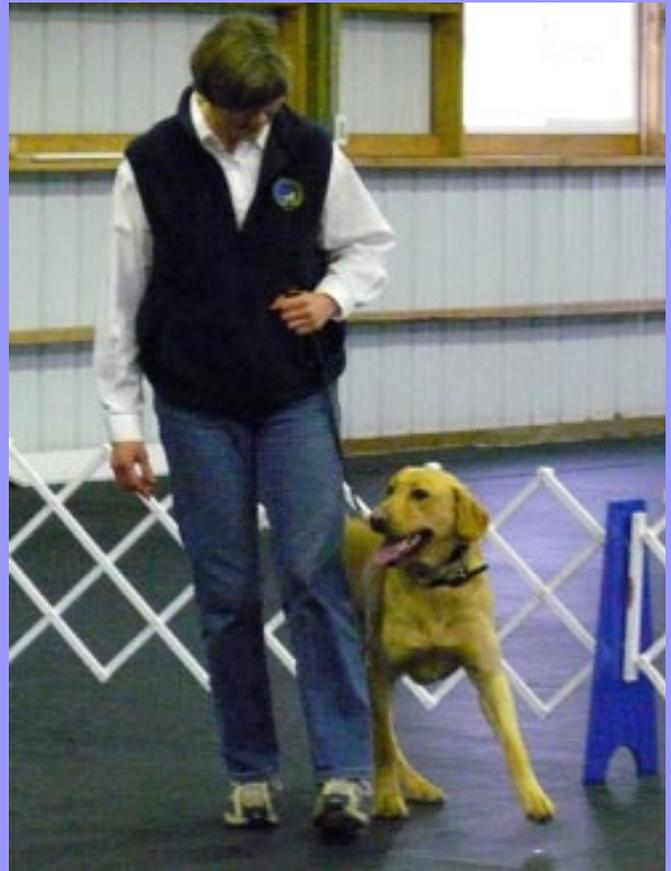


Marlys Swanson and Penny demonstrate part of a spiral heeling exercise.

So now, pick up those leashes, grab your dog and go have some fun! Rally-On.

Editor's note: *Cindy Freeman is a supporter of all obedience and can often be found ringside at shows, volunteering as a ring steward. She has titled young dogs through veterans in both Rally and traditional obedience. More than titles, she has found Rally to be a fun and rewarding way to interact with her Labradors. Look for more about Rally Obedience in upcoming newsletters. - SF*

Thank you to the helpers and organizers at the February Show & Go.



Terrie Sato and Clutch practice a Novice Obedience heeling pattern at the PSLRA Show & Go, top. Bottom, Terrie and Clutch prepare to do the off-leash heeling pattern called by Show & Go event judge Julie Germano.



LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 1/28/07 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 (mlswanson@verizon.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: **Marlys Swanson, 3512 – 93^d 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 Swanson

Litter born 10/3/06**(Available 1 BF)**

Sire: Am/Can CH Skyfire's Oughta Be A Law JH CD WC
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 9/25/05, Heart echo clear,
Optigen Normal/Clear
Dam: Int'l CH Harbortop Death By Chocolate CGC, WC,
JH, Am/Can CD
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 2/27/06
Litter: 2 CM, 3 CF, 2 BF
Contact: Heide Savidge (425) 231-0122
Email: Lyte_My_Fyrelabs@hotmail.com
Listed 12/27/06, 1/28/07 Snohomish, WA

Litter born 10/25/06**(Available 2 BM, 2 BF, 1 YF)**

Sire: Skyfire Sofa King Smokey Moe
OFA 25G, OFEL 25, CERF 6/15/06
Dam: Grandquest Lucyskyofdiamonds
OFA 28F, OFEL 28, CERF 6/15/06
Litter: 3 BM, 2 BF, 3 YF, 1 YM
Contact: Bruce and Mary Robinson (509) 899-2163
Eve: (509) 968-3144; Email: robinsonfamily@fairpoint.net
Listed 12/18/06, 1/28/07 Ellensburg, WA

Litter born 11/21/06 (Available 3 YF, 1 YM, 4 BF, 1 BM)

Sire: Cimarron Runnin in the Rain
OFA 26G, OFEL 26, CERF 8/1/06, OFA Heart
Dam: Three Trees Farm Baroness Jesse Ray
OFA 30E, OFEL, ACVO 8/18/06
Litter: 3 YF, 1 YM, 4 BF, 1 BM
Contact: Joyce and Jon Jacobson ((206) 949-1144, eve (206) 842-7919 Email: jetli591@cs.com
Listed 1/1/07 Bainbridge Island, WA

Litter born 12/14/06**(Available 1 YF)**

Sire: Am/Can Ch ShaRay's Nikolas of Whidbey JH RN
OFA 26G, OFEL 26, CERF 8/20/06, Heart Clear
Dam: Can Ch Cedarwoods Lady Pearl
OFA 28E, OFEL 28, CERF 10/9/06, Optigen Clear
Litter: 3 YM, 4 YF
Contact Rita Welters (360) 592-5482
Email: dsbsons@msn.com
Listed 1/8/07, 1/28/07 Bellingham, WA

Litter born 12/14/06**(Available 1 BF)**

Sire: Ch Ghostone Hypspire Dressed to Impress
OFA 24E, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/25/06
Dam: Int. Ch. Wyntercreek Ryder at Blu Top CD WC CGC
OFA 25G, OFEL 25, ACVO 9/24/06
Litter: 1 BF, 1 BM, 3 YF, 2 YM
Contact: Jennifer Hajny (509) 962-8579
Email: blutopfarms@hotmail.com
Listed: 12/19/06, 1/1/07 Ellensburg, WA

Litter born 12/18/06**(Available 3YF, 2 YM)**

Sire: Blackthorn's Here For The Party
OFA 24E, OFEL, ACVO 10/14/06, Optigen Clear
Dam: Rocking'M's Crystal Clear
OFA 24E, OFEL 24, ACVO 2/26/06
Litter: 3 YF, 2 YM
Contact Bryant or Cindy Meyer (253) 846-9583
Email: rockingmlabs@rockingmlabs.com
Listed 1/5/07 Spanaway, WA

Litter expected 1/10/07**(Available all yellow)**

Sire: Int. Ch. Rocking M Go For The Gusto KC RN CD
OFA 24E, OFEL 24, ACVO 2/26/06, Optigen Clear
Dam: Int'l Ch. Rocking M' Little Miracle
OFA 26G, OFEL 26, ACVO 2/26/06, Optigen Clear
Litter: All yellow
Contact Bryant or Cindy Meyer (253) 846-9583
Email: rockingmlabs@rockingmlabs.com
Listed 1/5/07 Spanaway, WA

Litter expected 2/28/07 (Available Blacks and Yellows)

Sire: Am/Can Ch ShaRay's Nikolas of Whidbey JH RN
OFA 26G, OFEL 26, CERF 8/20/06, Heart Clear
Dam: Interlochen Sadie Shady Slope
OFA 28G, OFEL 24, CERF 8/30/06
Litter: Blacks and Yellow
Contact: Greg McCowan (509) 467-1008
Email: gregde@comcast.net
Listed 1/22/07 Spokane, WA

Litter expected 3/05/07 (Available all black)

Sire: BISS CH Boradors By George
 OFA 26G, OFEL 26, CERF 9/2006, Optigen Clear
 OFA Cardiac
 Dam: Can CH Sunnydaze Supernatural
 OFA 54G, OFEL 24, CERF 9/2006, Optigen Clear
 Litter: All Black
 Contact: Linda Maffett (360) 961-5269
 Email: SunnydazeLabradors@hotmail.com
 Listed 1/7/07 Bellingham, WA

Litter expected 3/10/07 (Available Yellow and Black)

Sire: BISS Ch. Sureshot HySpire Impressive
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/25/06, OFA Heart
 Dam: Am/Can Ch ShaRays Fair Emma
 OFA 24E, OFEL 24, CERF 9/26/06
 Litter: Black and Yellow
 Contact: Marlys Swanson (360) 658-7604
 Email: MLSwanson@verizon.net
 Listed 1/9/07 Marysville, 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 PSLRA. Price will vary.

Black Male 3 years (must be neutered)

Very sweet, mellow, small/stocky boy. Is a show champion, has OFA hips, elbows, CERF, cardiac normal, optigen normal. No health or behavior issues known. To a special, loving home only. We love him dearly.
 Contact: Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456
 Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com
 Website: www.cougarcreeklabs.com Arlington, WA
 Listed 11/16/06, 01/15/07

Black male, 5 months (as of 11/16/06) (Intact)

Already swims, loves people and other dogs will not be a big dog. No health issues.
 Will meet on top of the pass.
 Contact: Katie Somers (509) 787-6093 or (509) 398-1470
 Email: Katie_Somers@msn.com
 Listed 11/16/06, 1/28/07 Quincy, WA

Black Female, 1 year (as of 11/16/06) (Intact)

Very sweet, but on the small side. Likes water and birds. Would make a good family dog that hunts. Parents have all clearances. Will meet at the pass.
 Contact: Katie Somers (509) 787-6093 or (509) 398-1470
 Email: Katie_Somers@msn.com
 Listed 11/16/06, 1/28/07 Quincy, WA

More from the banquet

Liz Skillingstad enjoying the holiday get togethers.



The Summit Assistance Dogs presentation earned a PSLRA donation for one year of training.



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PSLRA Spring Agility Trial

Saturday March 17 & Sunday March 18 - Lake Tye Park, Monroe

Trial runs from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. both days

Volunteers Needed!

Trial Helper Organizer: High Priority, previous organizer is unable to attend. Organizers place trial helpers where they are needed throughout the day.

Trial Helpers: timers, scribes, set jump bars, leash runners, setup & teardown help.

Hospitality: agility trials typically include food for sale to competitors.. Volunteers are needed to help provide food and run concessions.

Pick up & Drop off Judge Carol Smorch at the airport.

New or Already Addicted, Opportunities Abound!

Contact: Dan Selthofer, Event Chairperson
agilabs@hotmail.com PH: (509) 429-8553