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*June, 2005*

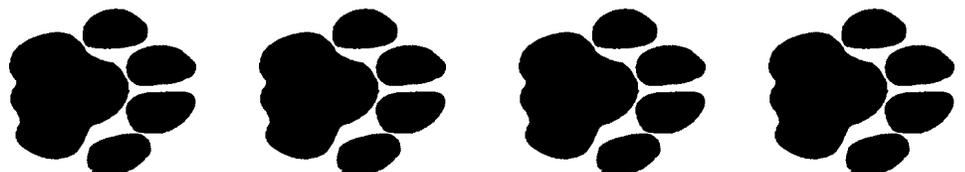
*Our fun/training day for agility, obedience and rally is coming up soon, on July 9. If you would like to learn about agility, obedience or rally, this is the event for you. We will have experienced people there to introduce you and your dog to the basics of agility, obedience and rally handling. Or if you have experience but would like some practice time, this is for you as well. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for details. These events are lots of fun for people and dogs. Hope to see many new members there.*

*Looking back, our Match, held June 4, was great fun. We had warm weather, good food, and lots of really good dogs. Thanks to everyone who helped put it on, including our chairperson, Kristi Clark, and our judges, Christi Dudzik, Stephanie Harris, Leslie Douglas and Becky Jack. There sure were a lot of cute puppies there!*

*Looking ahead, our Specialty Show and Obedience/Rally Trial and Working Certificate Test are coming up soon, the first weekend in August on Whidbey Island. These events are for everyone, whether you are competing or just coming to watch and socialize. All members, family and friends are welcome. As always we need helpers. If you would like to help out, please contact Linda Maffett for the Specialty in general at [sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com](mailto:sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com); myself for the Obedience/Rally Trial at [janpalumbo@earthlink.net](mailto:janpalumbo@earthlink.net), and Liz Skyllingstad for the Working Certificate at [lsky@harbornet.com](mailto:lsky@harbornet.com).*

*Hope you and your great labradors are all enjoying your summer!*

*—Jan*



**IMPORTANT DATES**

June 18 Dr. Dennis O'Brien Skin Problem seminar, Vancouver, WA, [www.dogdaysnw.com](http://www.dogdaysnw.com), info  
 June 22 Board Meeting  
 July 9 Rally, Agility & Obedience Fun/Training Day  
 July 14/15 Rose City LRC Specialty  
 July 27 Board Meeting  
 July 30/31 RCLRC Hunt Test, for premiums: Lisa Rasmussen 360-574-1434/  
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 August 5-6 PSLRA Specialty Langley, Whidbey Island

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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.

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club business

## May board meeting minutes

In attendance at Bea Ferguson's house on Wednesday, May 25, were Jan Palumbo, Marlys Swanson, Kristi Clark, Cheri Levine, Linda Maffett, Bea Ferguson and Ron Perry.

No officer reports were given as secretary and treasurer were unable to attend.

**Acknowledgements:** Board thanks all those who worked to make a successful hunt test.

—Board thanks all those who worked at our tracking test. Acknowledgements should also go to Michelle and Jan Skewes and all the tracklayers for a job well done.

—Thanks to Lynda Maffett for finishing the premium for our speciality August 5 and 6 in Langley on Whidbey Island. It was very extensive with many changes.

—Thank you to Bea Ferguson who offered her home, at the last minute, for the board meeting.

### Committee Reports:

**Match**—We are short one judge who should be confirmed next week. The set up committee should be on site by 7:30 a.m. This committee includes Cheri Levine, Jan Palumbo, Ron Perry and Marlys Swanson.

**Speciality**—Premium is completed. Questions about the judges, who was to pick them up, etc. were resolved. Rosettes for the rally will be ordered.

**Tracking Test**—The AKC representative reported to AKC that the event was well-organized and the club was very supportive of the program.

—Congratulations to our club members Lee Foote and Margie Dykstra for earning their TDX titles in style. Michelle Schraeder joins the group of chairs doing a great job at a job she had never done before.

**Puyallup Show**—Ron Perry will follow-up with Sammamish Kennel Club so they understand we will not have a supported entry for their August show, just the one in January. The same applies for Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers: supported entry only for the January show.

**Selling of PSLRA Clothing**—We will be adding the clothing pictures to our

website soon. Members will be able to order the items on line.

**Future hunt tests**—The board will look into raising the prices of the event based on the lack of volunteers and the need to hire people to help. Cheri Levine will contact AKC to see if we can use a variable fee schedule for hunt tests that would charge lower fees for club members who work at the test and more for professionals than owner/handlers.

The Board will look at membership enrollment forms to see who volunteered to help.

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# PSLRA Fun Match Saturday July 9



**Agility**

**Obedience**

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On Saturday, July 9, 2005, the club is sponsoring a fun match at Country Classic Kennels, Julie Germano's training facility in Arlington, Washington. The match is open to club members only, no preregistration required, and no cost to participate.

The day will start at 10 a.m. with Agility. An Open level course will be set up. We'll switch to Obedience in the afternoon. Run-throughs for Open and Utility will be between 1 and 2 p.m. Novice run-throughs and Rally will be from 2 to 4 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to practice with your dogs and work with other club members. Bring as many dogs as you can handle! Hope to see you there!

For more information contact: Nancy Harney 206-633-2274 or Julie Germano 360-653-1959.

**DIRECTIONS** to: Counry Classic Kennels, 9332 99th AVE. NE, Arlington, WA 98223.

*From the South:* Take I-5 North to Highway 2 off ramp. Bear left towards Lake Stevens. At the second traffic light, go left onto Highway 9. The fifth traffic light is 84th. Turn right heading East. The first road on left is 99th Avenue NE. Turn left on 99th NE and go one-half mile. The driveway has an orange triangle reflector and you'll see the building from the road.

*From the North:* Take I-5 South. Exit 208 Arlington. Turn left on to Highway 530. Continue East to Highway 9 and turn right until you get to 84th. Turn left heading east. The first road on the left is 99th Ave NE. Follow above directions.

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# Thoughts on clicker training

by Laura Berger

I was already using primarily positive reinforcement training when I was introduced to clicker training almost 10 years ago. I was living in Colorado when Gary Wilkes (the guru of clicker training) held a weekend seminar in Denver. I will never forget my jaw dropping when I witnessed 10 to 12 week old puppies performing advanced obedience exercises. Now, as everyone will tell you, when you leave a seminar, don't just hurry home and throw out all the tools you currently use and completely switch gears. I had a new puppy coming, though, and was all fired up at the prospect of testing the clicker method on him. I played with the concept of it with my older dogs, and they loved it, quickly learning new behaviors. That pup is now nearly nine years old and has 11 titles, his name is MBISS Am/Can/Int'l Ch. Chartwell's Crown Jewels Am/Can CD, CDX, JH, NA, NAJ,WC,CGC. It helps that he is my heart dog, and an all around good guy, but I truly believe that clicker training, positive reinforcement and having fun with my training, made him what he is today.

**A little history.** The first people to take operant conditioning out of the lab were Keller and Marian Breland, students of B.F. Skinner, back in the '40s and they did it with dogs. In the mid '50s Keller invented marine mammal training, and, although the training has similar roots, their thought processes and need for reinforcement are very different. Dolphins and whales rarely do more than four or five behaviors without food treats whereas it is common for dogs to work for long periods of time without. Once dogs have established behaviors and the rewards have been diminished, they are said to be reliable and not in need of constant reinforcement.

**How the clicker works.** The clicker is an abbreviated way of saying "good boy" and marking the behavior as correct. The sound of the clicker tells the dog what he did was right and that there is a food treat coming as a reward for the behavior. The clicker is faster than verbal praise and

more precise. In the time it takes to verbally praise the dog, it may have moved on from the correct behavior to an unwanted response. The clicker can also work well from a distance, because by the time you toss a treat at the exact moment a desired behavior occurs, you have already missed it and the dog will have undoubtedly changed positions trying to catch the treat.

**Misconceptions about clicker training.** Many believe that clicker training is all-positive but no training method is all-positive. Clicker trainers do use aversive control, only the sequence is different. Aversive control is never used to create a behavior; corrections are only used at the end of the learning cycle, after the dog has a firm knowledge of the behavior. When the sequence is used correctly, corrections are rarely needed but there will always be a time to tell the dog that obedience is not optional.

Many also believe that clicker trainers use too much food and the dog becomes reliant on food as a reward. While food is a great tool, not all dogs are motivated by it. Good clicker trainers will use tone of voice, praise, affection and all sorts of toys as motivators.

There is also the misconception that use of clickers in a class situation is distracting for the dog. Dogs' hearing is far better than ours and they quickly learn to ignore the click from other trainers in the room with the end result being far better attention as the dogs tend to be very focused on their own trainers.

**Personal experiences with clicker training.** I have been using clickers in my puppy kindergarten and basic classes for quite some time. I begin by having the owner say the pup's name, click and treat as soon as the pup looks at them. It is of utmost importance that the dog not only knows its name, but to look at the owner while it waits for the next command. Attention is everything. You can't deliver



a command successfully if the dog is not looking at you. With puppies who generally only know how to sit, I use food as a lure to put them in the desired position and then click and treat when the behavior is accomplished. Once the basic behaviors are established I will start to phase out the use of the clicker as well as the food.

I find the majority of pet owners, as well as folks who are training a dog for the first time, aren't quick enough with verbal praise. The clicker takes over for them and also teaches them how to praise. It is quick and precise and the dogs quickly learn that the sound of the clicker means there is a food (or toy) reward coming. The reward also does not have to come instantly. For example, when working on longer distance stays; the clicker can mark the fact that the dog has held the stay for the correct amount of time but that they are to remain in place until the owner returns with the reward.

I have also found over the years that dogs who are trained with lure/reward and clickers learn more quickly and retain the knowledge longer than dogs who are forced or physically placed into a sit or down or stand. In fact most trainers believe that a down means that the elbows must be on the ground before the dog can be praised for it. With clicker training it is possible to click for partial behaviors to help them learn that they are headed in the right direction. I will click a dog who is unsure if he has just one foot forward, but is looking confused, then lure him the rest of the way, click again and reward with food.

The clicker is used to shape a behavior. Think about the number of behaviors that require more than one physical movement on the part of the dog. For example, learning to roll over, and by the way this is not just a trick. I teach this to all of my puppy people as it is very handy for full exams by both the owner and a veterinarian. Starting with the dog in a down position, I

will lure their head over one shoulder until they fall on their side, very often clicking for that portion of the “trick,” and then continue to lure until they go all the way over. Some dogs get “stuck” on their side or back so I just continue to lure and click until they are all the way there.

Once a dog has learned all of the basic behaviors—come, sit, down, stand and stay—teaching them advanced behaviors and tricks is very easy. Many dogs will start to offer different behaviors or go through their entire repertoire, which can sometimes become confusing for the trainer. Only reward what you ask for or want, ignoring the rest. For example, it is very common, as dogs are pattern trained, for them to proceed to down after being asked to sit because that is what is usually next. You very often see dogs in competition go directly to heel on the recall because they know that is what is next and they figure they’ll just save you a step. I rarely use the word *no* in training, instead I use the word *wrong* in a very monotone voice or say *uh uh* and repeat the original command when they start to embellish.

I do not use a clicker for all of my training, but very often will go back to it when I am teaching a new behavior. For example, when I teach heeling, I find it far easier to verbally praise the dog for being in the right position, but that doesn’t mean I won’t use the clicker for straightening the sit at heel. The clicker is very useful for fine-tuning such as with fronts, drop on recall, go-outs and scent articles. The list of behaviors that can be reinforced with a clicker is endless.

If you are interested in learning more about clicker training, consult with your local trainer. Chances are, even if they are not using it, they know someone who is. There are also a number of great books including *Click for Joy* by Melissa Alexander and *Clicker Training for Obedience* by Morgan Spector.

Dog training should be fun, and once a trainer learns these methods, that is exactly what it becomes.

## Braggs

**Bayview Amarillo at Daybreak, CDX, WC** earned her Junior Hunter title in style at the Rainier Hunting Retriever Club test May 15, 2005. Rillo has been owner trained and handled to all of her titles and is loved and spoiled by Debbie Needham at Daybreak Labradors.

**Sunnydaze It’s All About Mee, WC** earned her JH at Sauvie Island on May 29. A BIG thank you to Chuck and Sharon Hilton for training and running MeeMee to her Junior title. Mee is owned by Linda and Hugh Maffett.

**Sharay’s Theodore R. Bear, C.D. and Delta Pet Partner** earned his first CDX leg, placing first in the class, at the Mount Baker Kennel Club Show on May 21. Teddy is owned, trained and shown by Christi Dudzik.

**Can Ch Fawnhaven Midnight Rocket JH** finished his JH title on May 28. Bred by Barb and Don Ironside; owned by Richard and Christina Ramay; handled by Richard and trained by Brad Turner, Stillmotion Kennels.

One week after getting his third wing in JH, **ShaRay’s Nickolas of Whidbey CGC WC** went BOB at Mount Baker, lovingly and smartly handled by breeder and co-owner Sharon Edwards. Rick Mullen made Nick shine in Group and after surviving the first cut, the judge almost gave them a placement. Many thanks to the PSLRA group who cheered them on and to Cindy King who groomed Nick to look topnotch for the group ring. The group cheering section, Sharon, Marlys, Laura, and Cindy, made the group ring feel like a Lab Specialty. Thanks to all—Ron Perry

**Interlochen’s Showdown,** Trigger, shown on the right, obtained his MH title leg at St. Louis Ponds and received his sixth leg at Sauvie Island over

Memorial Day weekend. Special thanks to Chuck and Sharon Hilton for taking Trigger to St. Louis Ponds and to Chuck for handling him. We are very fortunate to have such good friends. Also, thanks to Brad Turner for sticking with Trigger in his early years, and obtaining his first MH leg.

**Intl. Ch. Interlochen’s High Ho Silver,** Ranger, obtained his third and fourth Master legs at Sauvie Island. It felt really good to put the sixth leg on Trigger and get two legs on Ranger in one weekend.

Very special thanks to Walli Roarke for blessing us with these wonderful boys. Both dogs are owned, trained and most of all loved by Don and Cheri Wildes.

I am proud to say **Am/Can/Int Ch Devonshires Bracken CD WC** received the first wing of his JH on Saturday at Sauvie Island. Many thanks to Bryant and Cindy Meyer for their patient training and handling of my boy—Joni Willing

**Int’l Ch Merganser’s Hi-Rollin Hudson JH CD** finished his companion Dog Title to become an All-Around Labrador at the Mount Baker Kennel Club shows. He then earned his third Senior Hunter leg at Sauvie Island.



# Tracking Test report

by Michelle Schraeder, DVM

They say that tracking is best with damp and cool conditions. And you can't get into tracking if you hate getting wet. Well, Sunday, May 15, at the PSLRA Tracking Test it was certainly wet at times. It didn't rain constantly, but preferred the occasional downpour, the most interesting and first one at the draw for the tracks. (A big THANK YOU to Lee Foote for having that vital canopy in her car that we all stood under!) The test went real well with two members, Lee Foote with Winroc Gyrocompass VCD1, SH,AX,AXJ, and Margie Dykstra with Blythmoors Undeniable CDX, TD, OA, OAJ, both earning their TDXs. Labs Rule!

At closing, we had three entrants (all non Labs) for TD and 14 TDX entrants (five of which were Labs). After consulting with the AKC we decided to change our test from a 4TD/2TDX test to 2TD/3TDX test. (By the way WSOTC had a 5TDX test the same weekend and had

17 entrants and passed two). Alas, neither of our two TDs passed. But boy our labs were impressive and driving on their tracks. Lee had a ditch to cross on hers. (I seem to remember her TDX track two years ago had water also. Lee must just love drawing water crossings.) Kevin Huggert and Winroc Ruff N Tumble TD were looking great, but got waylaid by that darn cross-track (I heard Kevin say he knew it was the crosstrack but couldn't figure out how to get off of it without guiding—a driven lab is hard to turn). Our two judges, Tannis Witherspoon from Spokane, Washington, and Ada McClory from Eugene, Oregon, were fun to work with and laid some nice tracks. Thank you to Tannis and Ada! Betty Winthers, our local AKC representative, was present giving TDX judging exams to Roy Fair of Oregon, so there were four people following on the tracks giving their opinions. Looks like we have another Northwest TDX tracking judge; congrats to Roy!

I would like to thank the members of PSLRA who made this test a success and helped this neophyte tracking chair/secretary. Big thanks to Nina Mann for being there for all my questions via phone and e-mail, especially when we were deciding whether we could do more TDX tracks when when had so few TD entrants



Judge Ada McClory, PSLRA member Margie Dykstra and her dog Sabrina with judge Tannis Witherspoon after Sabrina successfully completed her TDX track.

and for laying tracks. Thanks to Jan Skewes for being Chief Track Layer, getting all those people to help and laying several tracks herself. She did a cool map of one of the tracks on her computer. Thanks to Fred Drennan for those great titling awards he made up. I always get compliments on the PSLRA ones on my wall whenever other tracking people see how PSLRA does theirs. And also thanks, Fred, for laying lots of tracks and doing guard duty Sunday morning by the entrance to guide nontracking people to the ponds and away from our tracks. Thanks to Lee and Robert for doing a great job on hospitality (the judges and the rest of us all loved those wraps on Saturday!), for providing the table for all the stuff and the much needed canopy, as well as the notorious

toilet that gets hauled to every site but never used (the tree there needs its own sign).

And thanks, Lee, for passing the test—we all could hear you and laughed whenever you found an article and the final glove, though when the really tall grass hid you, we were unsure for a moment if it was a cry of delight or if you had fallen into that ditch. Great job to newly trained track layers Jan Palumbo, Heidi Savidge, and Christi Dudzik (who rumor has it is now gun-ho to get a tracking title). Also, I have to thank Pattie Moon, who is not from PSLRA but from Chuckanut Dog Training Association in Bellingham, who came to watch one of our TD dogs but willingly drove Fred to his track to lay for me. Also to the woman, whose name I never got, that was there just to watch and was with no one that I abruptly convinced to drive Jan Skewes and her car to a track to be laid. Did anyone ever know who she was? We were all soaked to the skin and covered with grass seeds, but a happy group.

Mark your calenders for next year's test with Jill Jones and Franna Pitt on May 16, 2006. I want to see some new labs trying for TD at our next test. (Hear that Christi and Heidi?)



Judge Ada McClory, PSLRA member Lee Foote and her dog Gyro with judge Tannis Witherspoon after Gyro successfully completed her TDX.



***WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!***

## **PSLRA LABRADOR RESCUE RAFFLE**

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!**

The PSLRA 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Specialty is fast approaching which means...  
The Labrador Rescue Raffle is fast approaching, too!

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We'll even pick it up!!!

**THANK YOU**



## Match fun for participants, judges, photographers



This page, above top: Good Labradors holding that difficult sit/stay; below, Best in Sweeps: Judge Leslie Douglas, Vickie Hoskinson and Carter, Nipntuck Cameo Apple Cart, Kate Jack with Bica, Nipntuck Because I Can, BOS in Sweeps, owned and bred by Becky Jack, with Lorraine Yu and Tony.

On right, top to bottom, Becca Sullenberger puts all her effort into showing her dog in the PeeWees class; Vickie Hoskinson and Timberline Nightingale, best female, bred by Beckie Jensen, with judge Stephanie Harris; Marlys Swanson gaiting Koda; Linda Maffett and Mee Mee take their turn around the ring.

Page 9, bottom left, Julie Germano takes a lunch break and tries to explain to her dogs why she's not sharing her pizza. Julie and Reba were High in Trial and High Combined at the match. Right side, top to bottom, Sweeps: Gordon Wilson showing his puppy to judge Leslie Douglas; Becky Jack judging the Pee Wee class with Kawai Nahoopii and Splash; Barb Ironside stacks Murphy, owned by Darlene Pado, in the breed ring; Sharon Edwards and her puppy.

Dear PSLRA,

Thank you for allowing me to be your obedience judge at the Fun Match at Remlinger Farms on June 4. The weather certainly cooperated and the grounds were very nice. I enjoyed judging all the handlers and dogs.

Overall, I could certainly see the loving bonds between the handlers and their pups. My hope is that everyone had a good time and, perhaps, learned something about their handling and/or their dogs.

There were some common handling errors made by a number of exhibitors. I frequently saw handlers step off either as they said *heel* or before they gave the command to *heel*. This almost always causes a dog to lag. Handlers often matched their pace to their dog's pace. This allows the dog to lag and/or window shop. Handlers need to walk briskly. I also observed that many handlers walked too slow at the normal pace and walked a little faster on the fast command. In the obedience ring, judges like to see a real change of pace with quick walking at the normal and a jog at the fast.

I hope that these suggestions will help club members obtain higher scores in the real obedience ring. I also want to thank the club for the beautiful tote bag. It is something I will put to good use.

Happy training! Christi Dudzik



**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 06/07/05 that conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics.** Information is as submitted by owners and provided as a service to the public. Listings of litters are in no way an endorsement by PSLRA of any litter or any one litter over another. Litters are removed from the list after three months.

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

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

**LITTER LISTING FORMS** available from Marlys

### Litter born 3/30/05

(2 BF Available)

Sire: Skyfire's Just Lucky I Guess

OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/11/04

Dam: Willoridge's Cider House Rules

OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 11/14/04

Litter: 1CM, 5BM, 1CF, 4BF

Contact: Greg Phillips (360) 392-6971 or (360) 201-0266

Email: greg@willoridgelabs.com

Listed 4/11/05, 6/05/05

Ferndale, WA

### Litter born 4/15/05 (Available 1 YF, 1 YM, 2 BM, 2 BF)

Sire: Skyfire's Just Lucky I Guess

OFA 24G, OFEL 24, OFA Heart Clear

CERF 9/11/04. Optigen A1

Dam: Skyfire Cookiecan Pecan Sande

OFA Hips 30G, OFA Elbows 30

CERF 6/29/04

Contact: Stephanie Harris (509) 925-1259

Email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com

Listed 4/10/05

Ellensburg, WA

### Litter born 4/24/05 (Available 2BM, 2BF)

Sire: Can CH The Flying Fortress Hunts-On Am/Can CD, JH,

TT, CGC, WC, Pet Partner

OFA 44G, OFEL 44, ACVO 9/26/04

Heart clear 22 mo., Wind Morgan #1390 at 19 mo.

Hips, elbows, hocks, shoulders all 0% affected

Dam: Echo Lakes Shelby Tirzah CC, WC, JH

OFA 25F, OFEL 25, CERF 1/10/05

Litter: 3YM, 3YF, 3BM, 3BF

Contact: Mark Pearson (360) 653-6002 Cell (425) 330-5404

Email: SeaDawgin@aol.com

Listed 5/20/05, 6/1/05

Marysville, WA

### Litter born 04/25/05 (Available 1BF, 1 BM)

Sire: Desert Coal Train

OFA 25G, OFEL 24, ACVO 2/27/05

Dam: Rocking M's Blu-Chip Emerald SH

OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 2/27/05

Litter: 2BM, 2BF

Contact: Bryant and Cindy Meyer (253) 846-9583

Email: rockingmlabs@qwest.net

Listed: 4/11/05, 6/05/05

Spanaway, WA

### Litter expected 6/22/05

(Yellows expected)

Sire: Int. Ch Mountain Star Magnum Caliber CC

OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 3/6/05

Heart clear 23 mo., Pattern A normal/clear for prcd-PRA 23 mo.

Dam: Int. Ch Mountainstar Ice Storm CC

PennHip 70<sup>th</sup> percentile 18mo, OFEL 24,

CERF 3/6/05, Heart clear 36mo, Pattern A normal/clear for prcd-PRA 36mo.

Contact: Barbara Hazen, day (360) 877-9608, eve (360) 229-0747

Email: Hazenlabs3@yahoo.com

Listed 5/20/05

Hoodspport, WA



Above, Karen Coulombe and Barb Ironside in deep discussion ringside at fun match.

Fun match photos on page 11, far right top to bottom, Diane Sullenberger gaiting her dog Belle in the breed ring; Christie Dudzik judges Jan Palumbo and Rosie on the signal exercise in Utility A; Stephanie Harris judging adult dogs with Ron Perry, Shelah Frey, Barb Ironside and Kristi Clark in the lineup behind her.



### 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 perspective buyers any known health and/or temperament issues. Forms 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, 6 months (intact)**

Very sweet, good looking boy. Ready for his own forever home. Great with kids, loves attention, crate trained, basic manners, always packing something in his mouth. Super companion and/or hunting prospect.

Contact: Stephanie Harris

(509) 925-1259

Email: Stephanie@skyfirelabs.com

Listed 4/29/05

Ellensburg, WA



#### **Yellow female, 8 months (intact)**

Sweet, loving, outgoing yellow girl. Great with kids. Crate trained, basic manners, wonderful family and/or hunting companion.

Contact: Stephanie Harris

(509) 925-1259

Email: Stephanie@skyfirelabs.com

Listed 4/29/05

Ellensburg, WA



#### **Black female, 14 months (spayed)**

Lily is very good at obedience. She would make an excellent obedience dog, not to mention she is crate trained and loves everyone and all animals.

Contact: Julia Wilson

(360) 332-4844

Email: juliaw8@juno.com



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