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Obedience



*Keep your dog watching
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IMPORTANT DATES

**June 18, Fun Match,
Renton Park, Lizzie
Moir**

**June 18, Membership
& Board Meeting**

**June 24, 26, Spring
Agility Trial, Cheri
Levine, Julie
Germano**

**July 20, Membership
& Board Meeting,
North**

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

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Submissions must be received by the editor by the 20th of each month. Please use "newsletter ideas" in subject line.

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The Retriever Believer will publish brags (free) and Puppy Referral litter listings provided a club member owns either the sire or the dam and a \$10 listing fee has been paid to Puppy Referral. All litter listings and litter advertising must comply with the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

Editor: Fran Seagren

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

Requests for information, applications and/or payment of dues should be addressed to: **Stephanie Harris, Membership Chair**
341 Cross Creek Drive
Ellensburg, Washington 98926
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club business

June board meeting

PSLRA Board Meeting was held Wednesday, May 18, 2016, via Teleconference. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Stephanie Harris. In attendance were Jill Mahoney, Nina Mann, Diane Sullenberger, Stephanie Harris, Brenda Hubbard, Lizzie Moir, Marlys Swanson, Linda Maffatt and Jennifer Hajny. Members: Jim Olson, Cindy Olson.

Officers' Reports

President: Stephanie Harris - None

Vice President: Shelah Frey - None

Secretary: Jennifer Hajny - New rules regarding hunt tests were received.

Treasurer: Jill Mahoney - Report available upon request.

Acknowledgements

The PSLRA Board would like to thank the following individuals for their volunteering efforts: **Jill Mahoney** and **Chris Mahoney** - helping to transport the Match trailer. **Kristen Rieter** - new Facebook administrator. Hunt Test Chairman **Cindy Olson, Liz Gibson**, and ALL the volunteers that helped make the hunt test a success.

Committee Reports

Field Chair Report: Need to order a case of shells.

Rescue Report: See the report on page 4.

Hunt Test: Everything went well at the hunt test. They are already looking towards the fall and asked that the slate of judges that was presented to the Board be approved. Jill moved, and Marlys seconded a motion to approve the slate as presented. Motion passed unanimously. There are new rules from AKC for hunt tests. Information was reviewed by Stephanie who forwarded it to Cindy and Liz.

Fun Match: June 18 at Renton park. Full slate of judges. All-breed obedience is being offered. We are encouraging all participants to pre-enter! For more information on the Fun Match, go to our website or see flyer in this newsletter. There was a complaint regarding the price of entries doubling day of the match. This was a decision made to discourage *day-of* entries to help the committee be better prepared for the day's event.

Agility Trials: No Report.

Specialty 2016: Jill reported that we are still in need of a judges' liaison as well as stewards. The raffle is getting collections and things are going well. Linda reported she has twelve stud dogs confirmed for the stud dog auction.

Health Clinic: September 25 at Riverdog in Issaquah. No other additional information at this time.

Fall WC: Mark your calendar for September 10 at Greenleaf's. Kim and Chris Dotson are chairing the event. Watch for more details.

Holiday Party: This year it will be hosted by Scott and Becky Dannaker on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

Old Business

New Specialty Site - Mason Lake -

Nothing new to report. There was more discussion about the location and lodging for out-of-town guests.

New Business

Barn Hunt: Lizzie described the art of barn hunting. The titles are recognized by AKC. It is lots of fun. She suggested that PSLRA hold a trial, perhaps in conjunction with another established club. There are limited restrictions. Lizzie agreed to do more research and provide more information at the next meeting.

MNRC By-laws: Terrie Sato (Master National advisor) gave the Board her recommendation to vote against the proposed change in the MNRC By-laws. Marlys moved and Nina seconded a motion to follow Terrie's advice. Motion passed unanimously.

2017 Specialty: Still need a chairperson, or two, to head up the Specialty in 2017. The slate of judges was presented to the Board. Jill moved and Nina Mann seconded the motion to approve the judges as presented by the judges selection committee. Passed unanimously.

Open Discussion

Membership books will be out soon. Diane is looking at the Tolt State Park as a possible future site for our Specialty show if the show committee chooses to move sites.

Next Board Meeting / Membership Meeting June 18, 2016 at the Fun Match!

Adjourned: 7:45



June 18, 2016

PSLRA Labrador AKC Sanctioned B Match

Sweepstakes, Conformation,
All-Breed Obedience and Rally

Membership Meeting prior to judging at 9:45

Please bring potluck SNACKS to share during judging

Cedar River Park Play (Carco Park) field at the Henry Moses Aquatic Center
1717 SE Maple Valley Highway, Renton, WA

Judges

Regular Classes: Angela Rogalla

Sweeps: Marcy Johnson

Juniors: Jill Mahoney

Obedience: Debbie Addicoat

Rally: Helen Dohrmann

Entries

Puppies 4months of age and older may enter

Entry Form Online For Print: www.pslra.org

Day-of Entries: 9:00am-9:30am

Prizes - All Dogs Will Receive a Soft Toy

Sweepstakes:

Best In Sweepstakes

Best Opposite In Sweepstakes

Conformation:

Best Puppy in Match

Best Opposite Puppy in Match

Best Adult in Match

Best Opposite Adult in Match

Obedience: Qualifying Ribbons

Rally: Qualifying Ribbons

High in Trial Obedience and Rally

Schedule

9:00am - 9:30am Day of Entries,
handling practice

9:45 Membership Meeting

10:00am - Juniors then Sweepstakes; Regular to follow

10:00am - Rally and Obedience (2 rings)

Directions

Cedar River Park/
Henry Moses Aquatic Center

From I-405 Southbound:

Take exit 4 to merge onto

WA-900 W/Sunset Blvd N

toward WA-169 S/Maple Valley Hwy Turn left at WA-169 S/Maple

Valley Hwy Turn right at Cedar River Park Drive, follow signs

through parking lot to event at the softball field

From I-405 Northbound:

Take exit 4 to merge onto

WA-169 S/Maple Valley Hwy

Turn right at Cedar River Park

Drive, follow signs through

parking lot to event at the softball

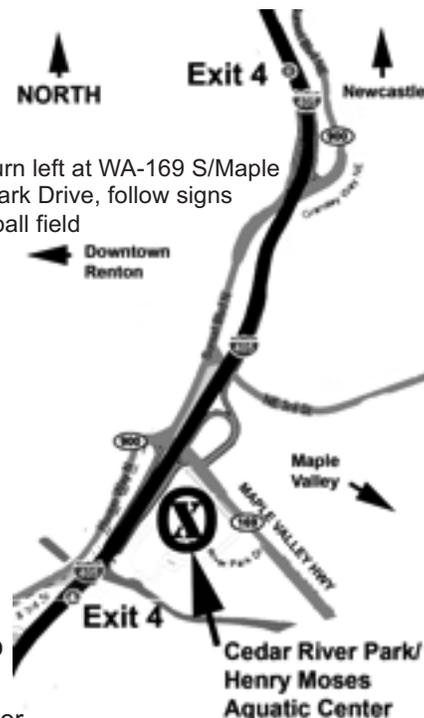
field

Membership Meeting prior to
judging (9:45)

Please bring Potluck snacks to
share during judging!

The club will provide utensils and water

**Please keep dogs on-leash
and pick up after them**



ENTRY FEES: PRE-ENTRY - \$10.00 (\$5.00 additional entry, same dog)

DAY OF MATCH - \$20.00 (\$10.00 additional entry, same dog)

PEE WEE/JUNIOR - NO CHARGE

**SEND ENTRIES TO TERRIE SATO
31902 NE 139th St.
Duvall, Wa 98109
pre-entries close June 11**

Rescue Report

Facebook helps Carter find a new home!

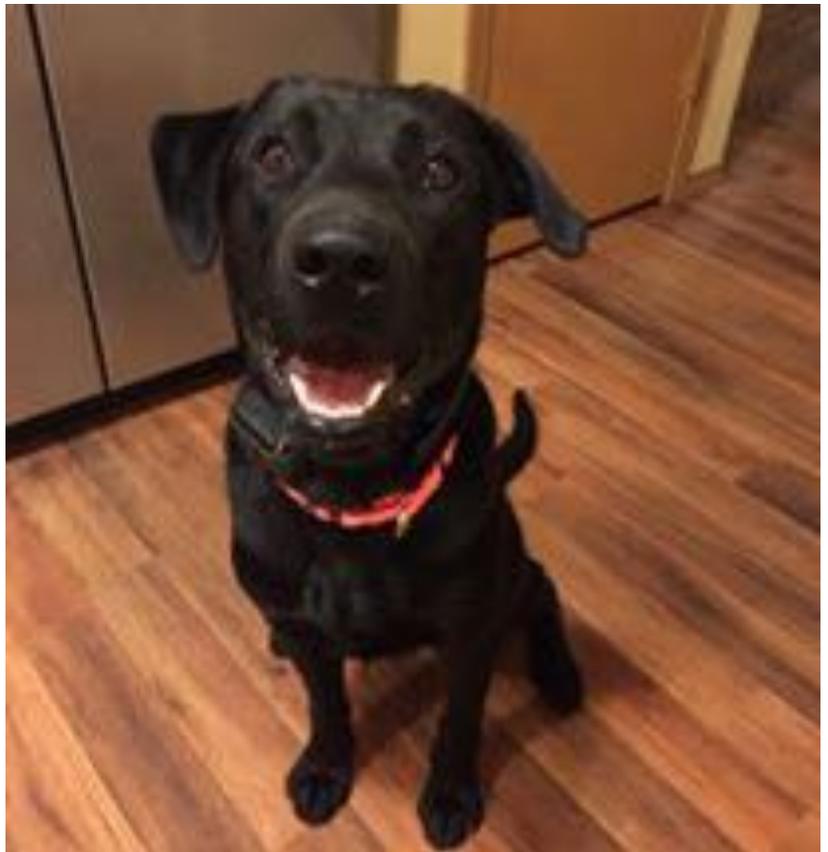
by Brenda Hubbard

The Rescue Labrador featured this month is a young 10-month old black male named Carter. The local King County animal shelter in Kent contacted Edith Bryan, our coordinator with Lab Rescue, to see if Rescue could help foster Carter.

The shelter sergeant described Carter as *“very under socialized and insecure. He will defensively bark and growl in a kennel but does not offer to bite, he is avoiding and fearful and will sometimes offer a play bow when he is trying to evade. Once out of the kennel, he is much better and has some obedience training with basic commands. He shows inappropriate dog skills through a barrier but is submissive when actually face to face with dominant dogs. He does pass a temperament test as far as body handling and food bowl, etc.”* It appears the previous owner had kept Carter mostly in the yard, and being busy as a full time student, had not socialized him very much.

Edith didn't have a foster home available so she asked me to put up a plea on Facebook for help. We needed someone to step up and foster Carter. PSLRA's FB page has over 1200 members and one does not have to belong to our club to foster for Lab Rescue. Kristi Baird, professional trainer and owner of Brown Dog University in Gig Harbor, stepped up to evaluate Carter. She fell in love with him and took him home to foster. Kristi has taken in many Labs from several other rescue groups, with pretty bad behavior problems that were deemed not very capable of being rehabilitated. What a God-send Kristi was for Carter!

Carter behaved poorly at first around all of Kristi's other dogs, but after much TLC and personal attention from Kristi, Carter's highly under-socialized ways turned around within a week! He was a good boy who hadn't been given a chance until he fell into Kristi's capable hands. Carter must've been thanking his lucky stars for Kristi! Kristi had a friend wanting a young Lab so they snatched Carter up once he graduated from Kristi's care. Latest report is that Carter is being adored!



I just got an update from Kristi and she wanted to add, *“We worked on basic manners and basic obedience along with his socialization. His new family is going to continue training with him, as he has lots more learning and growing to do. But yep, they adore him!”*

During the last year, at Edith's request, I've appealed on Facebook for about five Labs needing help to be fostered due to not having available foster homes. I underwent a serious spinal surgery a little over a year ago and had to take about five months off from fostering. Who would've ever guessed that the Club's presence on FB would have helped homeless Labs?



Carter, second from right.

Obedience: Advancing Your Training

by Terrie Sato

“My dog heels beautifully, but only if I have food in my hands.” This is a common complaint from those readying their dogs for obedience competitions. The problem? Food is not allowed in the obedience ring. When showing your dog you are expected to present a trained dog. A trained dog is obedient without the presence of food to bribe the correct behavior. Eliminating the food is a dilemma that many trainers face.

There are many training techniques used by successful training schools. Most are reward based using food or toys to pay the dog for the correct behavior and to encourage that behavior. Some are correction based. In the ring you may only reward your dog with your voice and your attitude. To a lesser degree you may correct your dog in the same manner. The closer your training comes to ring conditions the more honest you are with your dog. Dogs, especially Labradors, are not easily fooled into believing you carry food or toys on your person when you don't. Honesty is the best policy and it is a good idea to move your food or toy from a lure to a reward as quickly as possible. When this happens there may be times when it becomes necessary in training to use a correction to insist on the proper behavior.

A correction is something the dog wants to avoid. For some dogs a voice correction is enough to make them change their behavior. Many dogs can easily ignore your voice but are offended by a physical correction such as a pop on the leash. Teaching your dog the response you expect from a correction before using it in training is a great way to help your dog understand and not fear a correction. You can teach the appropriate response to a correction just as you can teach any exercise.

If you have been using food and rewarding your dog for walking in heel position at home or in your training class, you might feel confident in taking your dog to the park to practice heel. At the park there are many new distractions. There are new smells, new sounds and lots of action. If your dog ignores your command to heel, you might try getting out food to use as a lure. However, your dog is so interested in its new surroundings that the food is of no interest. You have just learned an important principle in dog training. The reward is determined by the dog. What was rewarding before is of little interest when there is so much rewarding stimulation elsewhere. In frustration you might raise your voice as you give your commands. Again, your dog may ignore you. You have just learned another important principle in dog training. A correction must be something that offends the dog. The dog determines the degree of correction needed. In complete frustration you jerk on the leash. If you have never corrected your dog in this way before be prepared for the behavior options your dog may present. Your dog may suddenly cower, as this appears to be a random and unexpected act of violence on your part. Your dog may bolt for the car thinking the park is not a safe place. Your dog may look at you in surprise giving you the opportunity to praise and regain control. It is much better to teach 'pop on a leash means pay attention' before you find you need to use it in a practical situation. If your dog understands how to respond to a pop on the leash, you will not get an undesirable response.

To teach this correction, stand in front of your dog with your hands on your leash. Give your dog a cue that means watch. When your dog looks away, pop up on the leash. If your dog looks back, praise and reward. If your dog does not look at you, tap his head to get his attention and show him the correct response. If your dog tries to get up and leave, use the leash to replace him, letting him know moving away is not the correct response to a leash pop. Practice this while standing in front of the dog and in heel position.

How do you know when your dog understands a pop on the leash means pay attention? When your dog looks back at you in response to a pop it indicates that the dog understands how to stop the correction. When your dog does not look away when you are giving commands it indicates that the dog also knows how to avoid the correction. Good dog! Your dog is now working to gain a reward and also working to avoid a correction. Using both techniques provides balance in your training. You have a tool to use to help build a habit of obedience and bring you and your dog closer to a good ring performance.

A word of caution: It may be that the use of corrections in dog training has fallen by the wayside because once a handler has been given permission to correct, it is easy to fall into the habit of correcting for every mistake a dog makes. A dog may make a mistake because he isn't paying attention. In that case a correction is warranted. However, a dog may make a mistake because he is confused or doesn't understand the exercise. In that case the dog needs to be helped, not corrected. If a dog is wrong, he is not bad. He is just wrong. If a dog is trying or makes an effort error, help him to be right. If a dog is not trying then a pop that clearly means pay attention to business is very fair.

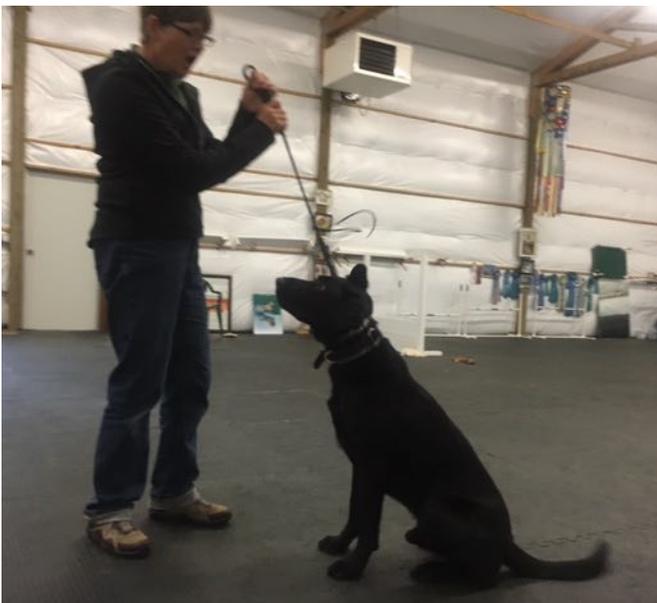
Thank you to Bravo for willingly demonstrating the effectiveness of a pop correction. If you would like to learn more about why dogs perform and how they learn, visit Connie Cleveland's website at dogtrainersworkshop.com.



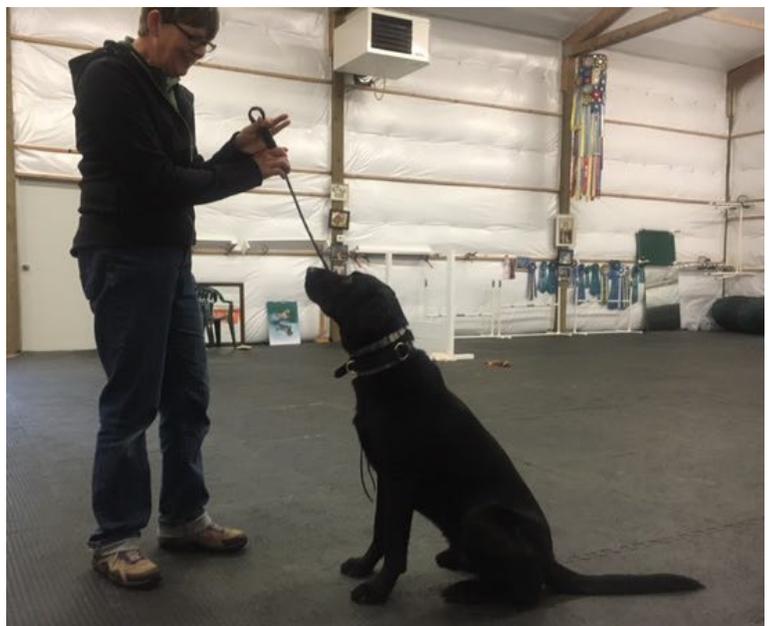
1. Bravo is told to watch.



2. Bravo is distracted by the camera and looks away.



3. A reminder to watch and pop up on the leash brings Bravo's attention back.



4. Bravo is praised for watching intently, indicating he understands how to avoid that correction and intends to avoid it from now on!

Introduction to the Master Amateur Retriever Club

A Little About the MARC

The Master Amateur Retriever Club (MARC) is a new national retriever club dedicated to the amateur handler. MARC believes that amateurs are the purpose and backbone of the AKC Hunting Test for Retrievers program and will support and encourage their involvement in the sport. MARC, while patterned after the Master National is a separate and distinct organization. MARC will host an annual invitational event – The Master Amateur Invitational - for qualified amateur handled retrievers.

For more information please visit:

www.MasterAmateur.com

Announcing the Launch of the MARC Charter/Lifetime Membership Program

THE MASTER AMATEUR RETRIEVER CLUB is pleased to announce the Charter Membership program. Charter members are granted a lifetime membership with all rights and privileges of a MARC member. Full information and subscription forms can be found on the MARC website. MARC has introduced the Charter Membership in response to those who have expressed a strong desire to support and be an integral part of MARC's mission of promoting amateur participation in AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers. Charter members will be recognized on the club website and in all annual Invitational programs and catalogs. In addition, Charter Members will receive a specially designed pin and embroidered badges and decals for appropriate display.

Charter Memberships will be offered only for a limited time. Membership is available to individuals, families and clubs. Please visit the club website or contact your regional Director or Vice President for more information. A current list of subscribed Charter Members can be found on the club website.

Congratulations to the Qualifiers for the 2017 Master Amateur Invitational! We began tracking Amateur Qualifying passes in March of this year. The tracking process is up on the MARC and Retriever News websites to view. Passes and current qualifiers are always updated weekly. Please visit our website and check it out! Results are tabulated on the MARC website, www.MasterAmateur.com; Retriever News website, www.theretrievernews.com/



Carlson's Farm (Canine Country Club); 2412 Neal Road SE, Carnation, WA

Rules: 10 Series is run according to AKC Junior Hunter Rules, best single mark using ducks and pigeons . Guaranteed 3 series and 2 live shot flyers. Lunch provided!

ADULT REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 65 DOGS

Pre-registration deadline is June 15, 2016

Day of Event Registration begins at **8:30 am** if the pre-entries do not reach the 65 dog limit. Any dogs registering on the day of the event will run at the end of the pre-entered running ordered dogs.

Adults Stakes: Guaranteed 3 series and 2 live-shot flyers.

Puppy and Junior Handler Stakes: Senior Puppy: 6-12 months; Junior Puppy 4-6 months; Junior Handler (18years and under). Junior Handlers may run in the adult stake

Entry Fees: Adult Stake: \$45.00 RHRC members; \$55.00 non-members
Puppy Stake and Junior Handler: \$15.00 RHRC members; \$20.00 non-members

Awards: 10 series Adult Stakes - Trophy 1st place, Rosettes 2nd, 3rd, & 4th placements. Ribbons will be provided for all qualifiers. Junior and Senior Puppies will receive placement Rosettes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th. Ribbons will be given to all qualifying puppies. Junior Handlers will receive rosettes.

Make checks payable to RHRC and send with signed entry form to Dianne Clark, 8022 78th AVE SE Snohomish, WA 98290; dianneclark@comcast.net -360-568-3368

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Dog's Call Name: _____ Level: _____

Junior Hander's Name: _____

Total Paid \$ _____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 5/30/2016 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 12 weeks.

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.
 - * Current eye clearances on both parents annually.
 - * At least one of each breeding pair must be tested and certified clear of EIC, PRA and CNM or be shown as CBP. 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 obtain a Litter Listing form from the PSLRA web site, to be used for ALL litters.
 - * All Breeders must update their litters each week with Nina Mann via email (harbortop@netzero.net) as to the sex and color of puppies you have sold. The listing will be deleted after 12 weeks from the first litter listing date.
1. Mail or email the completed form to Nina Mann, 5706 312th St. NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-9649. Please send the \$10 listing fee to Jill Mahoney, Treasurer, by check or PayPal.
 2. Your litter notice will appear on the web site and 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 Jill Mahoney, Treasurer) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

Glossary: EIC: Exercise Induced Collapse. CNM: Centronuclear Myopathy. ECHO: Echocardiogram. PRA: Progressive retinal atrophy, DD, dilute clear, CBP: Clear by Parentage.

*Litter Listings:***Litter born 5/2/2016** **2 YF available**

Sire: JRL Firebird of Cougar Creek
OFA24G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE 9/2015, Cardiac Normal,
EIC and PRA CBP

Dam: Cougar Creek It Is What It Is
OFA24E, OFEL24N, LR-EYE 9/2015, EIC and PRA CBP

Litter: 3 YF, 2 YM

Email: Cecilie Drege, cougarcreeklabs@frontier.com

Listed: 4/19/2016, updated 5/18, 5/31

Litter born 5/8/2016 **2YM available**

Sire: GCH Gateway's Nothin' But Trouble
OFA24G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE 6/2015, PRA, CNM, EIC,
HNPk clear, Cardiac ECHO

Dam: Aiyerbrothers Roopa
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 3/2016, Cardiac ECHO,
CNM, EIC, HNPk, PRA, thyroid clear

Litter: Four yellow males

Call: Ramdas Vaidyanathan (425) 283-3229

Email: AIYERBROTHERS@gmail.com

Listed: 3/30/2016, updated 5/8/2016

Litter born 5/14/2016 **2YM, 1YF available**

Sire: GCH Gateway's Nothin' But Trouble
OFA24G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE 6/2015, PRA, CNM, EIC,
HNPk clear, Cardiac ECHO

Dam: Cimarron Hema CGC
OFA28G, OFEL28N, LR-EYE 3/2016, Cardiac ECHO,
CNM, EIC, HNPk, PRA, thyroid clear

Litter: 2 YF, 4 YM

Call: Ramdas Vaidyanathan (425) 283-3229

Email: AIYERBROTHERS@gmail.com

Listed: 4/20/2016, updated 5/14

Older dog listings:

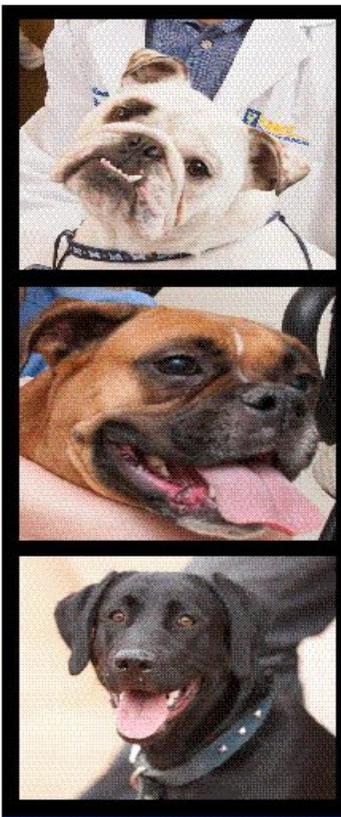
Older Dogs listed do not need to conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics. Prospective buyers are encouraged to ask about the needs of these dogs and why the breeder/owner has decided to place them. Many of the dogs listed have basic obedience and are housebroken.

None listed



Current Veterinary Clinical Trials

CLEFT LIP AND/OR PALATE



Background

- Cleft lip and/or cleft palate are developmental defects that result in the failure of the roof of the mouth to properly form. This results in an inability to properly nurse and often leads to euthanasia. The aim of this study is to identify the genes responsible for these birth defects and prevent them in future litters.

Participation Requirements

- Dogs with a cleft lip and/or cleft palate; or,
- Parents or littermates of dogs with a cleft lip and/or cleft palate

Procedures

- Collection and submission of a whole blood sample by you or your veterinarian for DNA analysis

Owner Responsibilities

- Submission of the blood sample

Benefits

- Although there are no direct benefits to participating in this study, understanding the genetic basis of such a defect will allow for the prevention of it in future litters.

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