

THE RETRIEVER BELIEVER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For the next three months, much of our efforts will be focused on field events.

Leading up to our hunting retriever test on May 1 and 2, we will be having two events of note.

The first is a fun/training day on the 20th of this month (March) at Greenleaf's Farm. There is a notice on page 5 of this newsletter, telling more about it. Terrie Sato is coordinating the event. You will find directions to Greenleaf's on page 9 and a map on the outside of the newsletter.

Please note that there is a dual purpose to this training day. Members will not only get a chance to learn more about field work with their dog, but they will also have a chance to get some first-hand tips about handling in the conformation ring. We hope everyone can come out and benefit from the event.

On April 10, the club's Five Series returns after a layoff of one year. For more information and an entry form, please see page 9. The Five Series is also a fun/training event for field work, because it gives our dogs--both puppies and adults--a chance to try out their field skills on real birds.

The hunt test early in May at Carlson's Farm in Fall City is always a big event for the club, and the need for volunteers will be a big as ever. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Meyer at rockingmlabs@qwest.net. Remember, no experience is necessary, and the goal is to have fun. Mark you calendar.



Corene Musga has turned over Puppy Referral Litter Listing responsibilities to Marlys Swanson so that she can spend more time with her family and her dogs. Corene and her husband Mike are eagerly awaiting the arrival of another grandchild, with whom she hopes to spend a lot of time.

We sincerely appreciate all of the time and effort Corene has put into the Litter Listings over the past several years. It takes a lot of time to get all of the clearances straight and the litter information accurate and timely, and Corene has been extremely conscientious about her volunteer duties. She passes the torch to Marlys by providing her with a clear job description and check list. I encourage everyone who has sent her litter listings to join me in thanking Corene.
--Ron

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March 24 Board Meeting
April 10 5 Series Singles

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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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February Board Meeting Minutes

The regular February meeting of the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Board of Directors was held on February 25, 2004.

President's Report: Ron reported that Joni has found a less expensive printer for the membership book.

Secretary's Report: The following new members were welcomed to the club:

—Rick Davis & Dana Plonkey,

Lynnwood, sponsored by Stephanie Harris and Becky Jack;

—Ruby Dizon, Spanaway, sponsored by Joni Willing and Kimberly Dotson;

—Kate Joncas & David Traylor, Seattle, sponsored by Joni Willing and Edith Bryan;

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—Ed & Rebecca Welsh, Port Orchard, sponsored by Laura Steward & Ann Snow;

—Kelli West, Seattle, sponsored by Sharon Edwards & Bea Ferguson.

Mail from AKC was received requiring new wording in Premiums for events on or after May 1, 2004.

We also received an invitation from Sirius to hold our match on June 12 at Magnuson Park along with the Canine Festival sponsored by Sirius Unlimited.

The following email votes were recorded since the last Board meeting:

—M/S/V to raise our specialty entry fees to \$24;

—M/S/V to raise our specialty catalog ad fees to \$35 for a full page;

—M/S/V to approve Sharon Hilton and Doug Gallucci as judges for the WC and Jeff Lusk as judge for the puppy stakes at the 5 series.

Treasurer's Report: We have in cash and bank accounts a total of \$15,614.18, which includes the special rescue savings account totaling \$2,296.66. The hunt test judges seminar netted \$300.

Acknowledgments: To Becky Jack for hosting the meeting, to Joni Willing for her work on the membership book, to Terrie Sato for a wonderful newsletter and to Chris Roth for her help with formatting which saves hours of work, to Cindy Meyer and Liz Skillingstad, for organizing the sportsman show, to Lucy Isaacson-Logen, Cheri Levine and Jan Palumbo for organizing the booth for SKC and to Cindy for getting all the hunt test judges.

Committee Reports:

March Fun Day: Terrie Sato reported by email that helpers are still needed as well as gunners, a table, disclaimer forms, and the PSLRA sandwich board sign.

Specialty: Barb Ironside reported by email that some committee chairs are still needed and that Gordy McGhie will make the base for the Memorial trophy for Linda Perry.

After some discussion of obedience trophies, a clarifying vote was taken. It was M/S/V that Friday's Obedience trial will offer trophies only for HIT and HC and the classes will have the same placement trophies as are offered on Saturday. All the special trophies will be offered on Saturday only.

5 Series: The NW Retriever Trial Club would like to use Carlson's on the weekend we have it reserved for the 5 Series. They have offered to exchange grounds with us. We will hold the 5 Series at Greenleaf's and let them have Carlson's. As a thank you for our cooperation, there will be no fee for using Greenleaf's that weekend. This will save us \$200, so we have agreed. A flier for the 5 Series will be in the March newsletter.

Spring Hunt Test: The premium is almost finished and was handed around for

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approval. It can't be mailed until AKC updates the seminar information on two of the judges. A conformation certificate test flyer will be included with the premium.

Tracking Test: Lee Foote reported by email that buying 60 fiberglass fence posts and some flagging would cost \$150 and would mean no one has to get the WSOTC ski poles and return them every year. The Board decided on a partial purchase till we see how they work out and approved the purchase of poles and flagging up to a limit of \$100. The premium is ready for mailing as soon as Lee fills the committee vacancies.

Match Location: The saddle club location doesn't appear feasible. Other locations suggested were Gold Creek Club, Sirius at Magnuson Park, Remlinger Farms, Denny Park and the Sky River Park in Monroe. Board members will check out each of these.

Agility Trial Secretary: Dave Lawniczak is sending a letter to Christie Bowers to cancel our contract because of concern over her legal problems. He is still looking for an Agility Trial Secretary.

Old Business:

HRT Judges Seminar: Ron reported that AKC has some new plans for the hunt test judges seminars in the future and it may not be necessary for us to continue having them every year.

Club Merchandise: Marlys asked the Board for final approval to purchase 72 mugs with the club logo on one side. These will cost in the neighborhood of \$400, and their primary use this year will be for judges gifts. Approval granted.

Open Discussion: The web site is still having a lot of problems. Marcy Johnson is willing to help wherever needed.

Next Meeting March 24 at a location to be decided.—Nina Mann, Secretary

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The Clutch Chronicles



Raising a puppy is about building a relationship. Puppies need to learn their place in the family. They need to learn to respect their family members. Obedience is important. In the serendipity of puppy hood it is easy to ignore a little civil disobedience. Consequences are not great and a puppy is, after all, just a puppy.

Shortly after the last newsletter, Clutch committed a crime. I don't believe it was premeditated. In fact, I am certain that it was a spur of the moment whim. However, it was a crime, nevertheless. I came home rather late and hungry one evening having missed the dinner hour and went to the kitchen to fix something to eat. As I carried my food to the table, Clutch did a fly by and leaped up snatching a piece of food off my plate. I surprised myself with how quickly I reacted as I managed to snatch the food back with only a small piece missing. I came unglued! Though my children might think differently, this is actually a rare occurrence in our house. I am usually a very reasonable person. However, Clutch felt the full extent of my wrath that night and for good reason. In the canine world, he who controls the food, controls the pack. Clutch had made an attempt to usurp me as pack leader. My dear dog child had become a teenager!

Think about how a dog would handle this situation. When a young dog tries to take food from an established pack member, one of two things will happen. The victim of the robbery will either slink off in resignation or become larger than life, snapping and roaring at the foolish youngster. I am not of a slinking nature and this was an intolerable behavior.

The other dogs understood immediately that we had a problem. They put themselves on sit/stays, polished their halos and wagged their tails furiously if I happened to glance in their direction. Clutch naively tried to snatch the food once again, this time from my hand. I

roared as I walked into him pushing him out of my space. He had a hint that something wasn't quite right. I put some of the food in both hands and kept them at my side which is eye level for Clutch. I was not offering the food, just holding it. He stretched out his nose to politely sample the food. Again I roared and walked into him until he was backed into a wall. At this point he decided he should *down*. This is a submissive position and was a good choice on his part. I walked over to the other dogs and praised them for their stays and shared a tidbit with them. Clutch decided it was his turn for a treat and tried once again to help himself to the food in my hand. Again, I turned, roared and backed him up, this time shuffling my feet at him so that the point of my toe made contact with his feet. He got the message and spent my dinner hour voluntarily sitting forlornly by the door feeling very sorry for himself. Crime doesn't pay!

I reviewed the handling of his feeding. I do not free feed for a lot of reasons, control of the food source being an important one. He must sit and wait for a release before he eats. He does not get food from the table while we are eating. He does get treats that he earns during his obedience lessons, but he must work for them first...no free lunch. I decided he needed to work harder for his meals. Now he does a *sit*, *stand* or *down* before he is released to eat. Sometimes I give him a command to *sit* while he is in the middle of eating. This should not be a permanent situation but will help build respect and an understanding of his status in the family.

Now while I am eating, Clutch will either lie at my feet or go off and play quietly with a toy. When I carry my food to the table, Clutch looks in another direction. Lesson learned.



Helping Juniors Train Their Puppies

by Jennifer Schmitke, 13

I used the following tips to train my puppy and thought it might be useful to share how I taught her to behave as well as have a little fun!

Free Stacking—

After you do a down and back or a circle around a ring, have the puppy come to the front of you and stand there, stack the puppy with your hands, tell it to stay, and then stand back in front of it.

This helps the puppy know where to set its feet so that as you keep working on this it will eventually understand how you want it to be free stacked.

** If the puppy is wiggly and doesn't want to be stacked take its mind off of being stacked by letting it nibble on a piece of bait. (I use string cheese because it is soft and lasts for a while.)

Walking on a Leash—

Have a piece of bait and make sure the puppy knows that the leash is on. Stand in front of it, a few feet away, and call it by clapping, patting your hands on your knees, or calling the puppy's name in a high pitched, cute, baby voice to get its attention so that it will come to you.

Ordinary Hand Stacking—

Use bait for the puppy to nibble on while you are placing the puppy's feet. (Basically the same way as free stacking just don't stand back in front of it.) Figure out the puppy's angles, be sure not to "A frame" it by having the puppy's front feet too far forward. I felt it was easier to kneel by my puppy when I was stacking it because it is shorter than an adult dog and it is easier to be closer to it.

Wagging Tail/Expression—

Just have fun with the puppy while it's on the leash, to make sure it knows that when it's on the leash it isn't going to be boring. Give it love, as if it were not on

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the leash, or a toy—something it likes that will keep it happy.

For their expression, make noises with your mouth such as whistling, chirping, etc. to keep their attention on you.

Looking at Bite/Going Over Puppy—

If you go to a training class, have as many people go over the puppy as possible so that it gets used to having different people touching it. Some things you should have them do are, go over the whole bite, even sides, go all over back, down legs, on the tail, etc.

** Remember they are just puppies so don't be too harsh. **JUST HAVE FUN!**

These tips can also be used on adult dogs.

Master National Retriever Club News

AKC and the MNRC Board have made some drastic changes to the Master National event. A statement from AKC said that the original purpose of the event was to be a showcase for hunters to bring their best dogs to compete. In order to accomplish this, AKC wants to do away with split stakes and have one rest and one set of judges, but over the past 13 years the number of entries has become unmanageable.

After discussions between AKC and MNRC, it was agreed that in 2005 this event would become an Amateur/Owner-Handler event and that a number of changes would be incorporated into the premium in 2004 to make it a more stringent test with at least 10 hunting situations in at least six series in 2004 increasing to 15 hunting situations in at least nine series in 2005, equivalent to three weekend hunt tests.

It was recommended to AKC by the MNRC Board that a new Hunting title, Master Hunter Excellent (MHX) be awarded starting in 2005 as a result of qualifying in the event.

MARCH 20th FUN TRAINING DAY

**Location: Greenleaf's Field
South of Monroe, Wash. on hwy. 203**

Time: 10 a.m.

Events:

- Introduction of puppies to birds 10 a.m. to noon
- Introduction of puppies to water begins at noon
- Show ring tips and practice begins at 10 a.m.
- Live shot flyers (\$4 each) begins at 10 a.m.
- Training Marks for both Advanced and Novice dogs

Hunt test equipment will be present and all field participants will be asked to take a turn at one or more of the hunt test jobs.

- Loading wingers
- Pop and throw
- Marshalling
- Blind planting

This event will be held rain or shine. Dress appropriately and bring a sack lunch. Four dollars will be charged for any live bird. Come meet club members and train your dog in a friendly, helpful atmosphere. Look for the PSLRA sign at the entrance to Greenleaf's.



Stars Shine at Westminster and on Broadway

by *Becky Jack and the Nipntuck Labradors*

Going to the Westminster Kennel Club dog show is a trip not to be taken lightly in terms of both fun and energy expended. For me, there are three elements. First, the city, second, the Labradors, and third, the show.

The city is like no other, and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. This year was particularly wonderful because we saw two Broadway shows, *Momma Mia* and *The Lion King*. They were both so fabulous that if I had done nothing else, I would have loved the trip. *Momma Mia* is a musical that includes all the old ABBA songs from my childhood—"Dancing Queen," "Waterloo," "Man after Midnight," "Take a Chance on Me"—it was great! It has become such a rage that my own kids are now listening to a band called the ATeens who sing nothing but old ABBA songs given new life by this play.

The Lion King is so spectacular it literally left us a bit dazed. If you go to New York, go to a Broadway show. Even a confirmed Northwesterner like me could see how that lifestyle would be addicting. Getting just a glimpse of it for five days was like looking into a life portrayed on TV and in magazines, and now I understand why it inspires so many.

The Labradors are nice, some good ones attend, but the reality is there are 30 to 40 of them. For the price of the trip you can learn a great deal more about our breed by going to a specialty. That isn't why we go to "the Garden." We go to see the ultimate in pageantry that is a dog show. The grooming, the presentation, the outfits—WKC sets the standard in that category.

I've gone to Westminster twice because New York City is fun and WKC is the most electrifying dog show there is. We have learned not to stay at the Hotel Pennsylvania, which is right across the street from Madison Square Garden, expensive and a total dive. I've heard when the Groups end at 11 p.m. there is a two hour wait for an elevator. Rather, we go two blocks east to the Holiday Inn Martinique, and there are plenty of exhibitors there, too. One of the great joys



Becky Jack, daughter Kate and Rah Rah in New York, New York

of the whole trip is sharing a lobby and elevator with dozens and dozens of gorgeous dogs from all over the world.

Rah Rah survived the whole thing quite well. There is no grass for pottying, and there are crowds of people everywhere. She learned to jump up in the planter boxes across the street and go when she could. She is such an active country dog I was a bit worried about her, and one day did take her via taxi to Central Park to run off lead. She had a ball chasing squirrels and barreling through the slushy snow. When showtime came she was as "on" as she has ever been, and showed like her tail was on fire. She even gave me goose-bumps, I was so proud of her and the buzz she created in the crowd. We made all the cuts, and in the end were the only ones left who didn't get a JAM. Guess we can say we got an honorable mention.

During breed judging hours the dogs are benched. No one is allowed to remove their dog from the benched area until 8 p.m. that day. No chairs are allowed, and the aisles are absolutely packed with people. It can be somewhat miserable. This year we had a good time talking all those hours. Annie Cogo had her scooter and a wheelchair, so we all took turns sitting. (Although we got some funny looks when

we stood up to switch places in the wheelchair.) I let Rah Rah out of her crate, and she wandered up and down the Labrador aisle making everyone sure she loved them best. The spectators were thrilled to find a dog they could pet who, of course, "looked exactly like the one they had at home."

In the evening the fur coats and diamonds come out and the dogs are dazzling. It is truly thrilling to watch so many beautiful showdogs in one place. It's also impressive how the audience is very much a "who's who" in the dog world. There are well known judges everywhere. Most of the people in the rings are handlers. The show is a real eye opener in terms of realizing there are many different levels of all breed dog show competitions, and Westminster is without a doubt the very highest. For that, the Garden is an inspiration.



Becky and Rah Rah at the Garden

training thoughts

No Time to Train?

by Terrie Sato

Most of us lead busy lives with commitments to jobs and family that leave little time for dog training. Are you looking for that extra hour in the day to actually train your dog? I can't make it magically appear, but I can offer a few ideas that might help you sneak in some training time. A little planning and preparation can go a long ways towards helping you reach your goal of a trained dog and even a trained dog with a title.

The first goal of most dog owners is to have a polite pet. Take a few minutes and write down what you think would be the most useful commands for your dog to understand. *Sit, down, come, let's go* and *OK* are practical commands for a dog to learn. Now look at the time available for you to teach these commands. Since these are every day obedience commands, they can be practiced in every day settings. A dog can *sit* or *down* while its meals are being prepared and before it is allowed to eat its breakfast and dinner. Now two important exercises are practiced at least twice in the usual course of the day.

Let's go and *come* take a bit more time as a certain amount of distance is involved. A ten minute walk three times a week can provide training time to work on both exercises. While the dog is walking on a leash it is often pulling or moving out ahead. Backing up and calling *come* makes the dog turn around and move towards you. Now the message of "come to me when called" and "walk by my side on leash" have both been introduced at the same time.

Many dog owners are frustrated with a dog that jumps. *Off* is another command that is given priority on many dog training lists. If you have extra time in the day, *off* is a fine word to teach a dog. However, it is a reactive command, or a response to a problem after the fact. It does not prevent the problem so the problem and the command take up extra time. If you are short on training time, it is much better to be proactive and use the word *sit* to prevent a dog from jumping. Using *sit*

provides another opportunity to practice an important command and it prevents a time consuming problem, jumping, from occurring. *Stay* is another command that many dog owners find useful. It is a fine word to teach a dog. However, if you are short of time, the command *sit* or *down* works just as well as long as the dog understands that it needs to hold its *sit* or *down* until released. The importance of a release word such as *OK* now becomes apparent.

Sneaking a little practice into the course of the day is the first step towards a trained dog. The goal is to now make sure that practice is productive. Telling a dog to sit but spending precious minutes chasing him down to enforce that sit is frustrating and time consuming. It also leaves a question as to the dog really learning the meaning of the command. It is more efficient to snap a leash on a dog before practicing any obedience command so the means to enforce the command is readily available. If you have an untrained dog that needs to exercise in the yard before you leave for work, plan to snap a long line on the dog before letting it out. You will need to be outside with the dog while it is wearing its line but this also provides an opportunity to teach words that tell the



dog to relieve itself on command. A few extra minutes devoted to dog training in the morning can provide a lifetime of envy from friends who spend hours at rest areas trying to get their dogs to potty while on vacation. When you need to call your dog back to you, simply pick up the

line and use your call word, *come*, with a little pop on the line if needed. Now you have successfully practiced your recall in a business like fashion and gotten a prompt, controlled response. No repeat calling or trying to chase the dog down while planning to explain to your boss why you are late for work.

With the basic commands under control, aspirations of a breed championship or obedience title may be the next goal. The dog walks on a leash down the street, sits and comes when called in the back yard and looks pretty good. A title should be simple. An obedience title or breed championship require more than just basic obedience. The command *heel* requires the dog walk on your left, prepared to turn when you turn and stop and sit by your side when you stop. This calls for more attention than a simple walk down the street. In fact, while your dog may sniff while walking on its leash, sniffing is penalized in the obedience ring. A handsome dog needs to learn to hold still for an exam in both the conformation and obedience ring. To earn a breed championship a dog needs to move properly to show off its gait and stack in the right position to show off its conformation. For this reason, it is a good idea to find a class to teach these skills if you are interested in pursuing dog titles. A commitment to a class also means that you will be training your dog at least one hour a week while you are enrolled in class.

Aside from class time, you will need to sneak in some practice during the week to bring your dog's skills to a competitive level. Again make a list of your training priorities. In the interest of efficiency, list the skills in order of difficulty for your dog. For example, your list may include *heel, stand, straight front, finish, sit and down/stay* with increasing distance between dog and handler. If *down/stay* is easy for your dog, place it at the bottom of your list. *Heel* requires a number of individual skills and your dog may first need to learn to *heel* in a straight line with attention. Put this at the top of your list.

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Perhaps the *stand with exam* is difficult for your dog so place that second on your list. If your dog has a fairly reliable recall, that can go to the bottom of the practice list. If your dog has trouble holding a *sit/stay* that should be included near the top of the list. Take the top three priority commands and be sure to include them every time you practice. The other commands can be fit in as time permits. *Heel with attention* can be practiced at soccer practice or a little league game. Outside of a grocery store is a great place to practice a *stand for exam*. People are coming and going regularly, and anyone who shows interest in your dog is fair game to do an exam. Parking lots are great places to practice *straight fronts*. Call your dog to you while it is on leash and stand so that you can use the white line of a parking space to determine the straightness of the front. *Sit/stays* can be practiced in many places, but one of the best is in your own living room. During a television commercial, place your dog in a *sit*. Make your dog hold its *sit* through a 30 second commercial. Increase the time to a minute and then finally an entire commercial break. To proof your dog, place it in a *sit/stay* while you relax in a chair. Remember that the dog should learn to hold the *sit* until released, even if you look relaxed. When you have mastered one of your top difficult skills, place it at the bottom of your list and give priority to another command.

Breaking your dog's lessons down into manageable parts will keep you from becoming overwhelmed and giving up on dog training. Be patient with yourself as well as your dog. By taking your dog with you and practicing for a few minutes while running errands you are not only finding valuable training time, you are setting a terrific example for other dog owners. Everyone enjoys a trained dog!

BRAGS

PSLRA has two new Delta Society Pet Partners. Holly and Gussie passed their Delta Evaluations on February 21. **Can CH Bayview's Gusta Wind CDX Can CD JH CGC CC Am/Can WC PP** and **Int CH Pinamark Jumpshipto Duckndogs CD CC WC PP** are owned and spoiled by Carole Jensen.

Int CH Koa's Kauai Elegance, CD, CGC, WC, is now a Delta Society certified pet partner. Ellie needs one more Junior Hunter wing to achieve her Versatility Award. She earned her All Around Award in October of last year. She just turned two years old!! She has been owner trained and handled to all of these titles. She is loved and spoiled by her family (two legged and four) at Koa Labradors.

Himoon the Duke at Clovercreek Jake received his first Canadian Points taking WD, BOW, BOB and Best Puppy at the Renaissance Dog Association Show on February 14, 2004. He was bred by Lucy Isaccson-Logen, and is loved, owned, trained, and handled by Chris & Kimberly Dotson.

International Ch. Timberline Annie Get Yr Gun JH CD CGC Annie received her first American Points taking Winner's Bitch at the Seattle Kennel Club All Breed Show on January 31, 2004. She was bred by Beckie Jensen, and is loved, owned, trained, and handled by Chris & Kimberly Dotson.

On January 24 (my birthday) in Cloverdale, BC, I entered my very first Bred-by-Exhibitor class with my six month old puppy, **Cougar Creek Dixieland Jazz**, which she WON, against mature bitches!

Again on February 13, in Chilliwack, Dixie won her Junior Puppy class, and went on to Best Labrador Puppy. Dixie was bred by/owned by Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labradors.

Canadian Champion Caorunn Hilander At Fawnhaven finished at Cloverdale, with Don Ironsides handling. He took Winners Male and Best of Breed.

Rowan was bred by Anne Morrison. His parents are Sire: Can Ch Fawnhaven Hunter O'Snowyriver JH and Dam: Caorunn Water Witch. Thanks Anne for this very nice dog.



Meet the Rest of the Board

Jan Palumbo

Member since 1998—I entered the world of Labrador retrievers in 1997 when I acquired my first Labrador, Huxley, from Cathy Tweeddale. I joined PSLRA then, which opened up a whole new world to me, a world of caring, supportive and knowledgeable people devoted to Labradors, who introduced me to the many opportunities for doing things with my dog. Soon I had a second Labrador, Rosie, from Barb and Don Ironside. I've had great fun participating in activities and events with my dogs. Huxley and Rosie have earned titles in obedience, agility, and hunting and retrieving, and are certified pet-assisted therapy dogs. They are my pride and joy. I have learned so much from the wonderful people in our club who are so generous with their knowledge and support. And the more involved I become in PSLRA and the more club members I get to know, and the more I learn, the more I realize how truly blessed I am to be a part of PSLRA.

Some basic data: I live in Seattle, I am single, still, and I work for the Environmental Protection Agency.

Stephanie Harris, Skyfire Labradors

Member since 1992—I have a wonderful husband and three school age children. My family is active in conformation, hunt tests, obedience, Junior Showmanship and hunting. I have co-chaired the Specialty, helped at hunt tests and with the rescue program. I am also very involved with my horses and horse club.

PUGET SOUND LABRADOR RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION

5 SERIES SINGLES—Adult & Puppy Stakes

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

WHEN: Saturday, April 10, 2004 Starting 8:00 a.m.
START TIME FOR PUPPIES & JUNIOR HANDLER'S IS 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Greenleaf's Farm, Monroe (see attached map)

WHAT: 5 Series Adult Stakes: \$22.50 Pre-Entry \$30.00 Day of Event

(3 series guaranteed, 2 live birds)

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

(3 series total) (Jr. Puppy 4-6 mos.) (Senior Puppy 6-12 mos.)

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

5 Series Adults: Trophy for First Place; 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th place Rosettes and Rosettes to all qualifying scores.

Puppies: Best Jr. Puppy, Best Sr. Puppy will receive Rosettes 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th place and Rosettes to all qualifying puppies.

Directions (see map on outside of newsletter). Take Hwy 2 or 522 to Monroe, turn left at the stoplight and then turn right at the Texaco station to go to Hwy 203. Right after you cross the steel bridge, take the first right into Greenleafs. If coming north on Hwy 203, go about 10 miles north of Duvall and turn left just before the steel bridge. Look for the white fence at Greenleafs.

Judges

5 Series Adults: Bryant Meyer & Chris Dotson

Puppies & Jr. Handlers: Cindy Meyer & Jeff Lusk

*******PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 2, 2004*******

Registration on day of event (April 10) between 7:00am & 8:00am 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 Kimberly Dotson

2503 - 174th St East, Tacoma, WA 98445 (253) 538-7972

E-mail: Clovercreeklabs@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.

PSLRA Newsletter Input: **LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 3/8/04 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.

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 - 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.
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Litter Born 12/01/03 (1BF Available)
 Sire: Lor-Al's Direct From Tantara
 OFA 24G, OFEL 25, CERF 6/13/03
 Dam: Blackwaters Bella Donna
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 11/15/03
 Litter: 1Ym, 1BM, 2YF, 1BF
 Contact: Laura Steward DVM (360) 876-6199
 Email: cimarronlabs@earthlinknet
 (Listed 2/5/04;3/5) Port Orchard, WA

Litter Born 12/20/03 (2BF, 2BM Available)
 Sire: Rocking M Diamante Deu Noir
 OFA 27G, OFEL 27, CERF 2/16/03
 Dam: Southshore Libby-Dee-Belle
 OFA 43G, OFEL 43, CERF 8/8/03
 Litter: 6BF, 3BM
 Contact: Todd & Beth Walker (360) 748-3787
 Email: bandtwalker@hotmail.com
 (Listed 12/27/03;3/5) Chehalis, WA

Litter Born 2/02/04 (2BM Available)
 Sire: CH Langshotts Gale Force from Kim Valley
 OFA 27G, OFEL 25, CERF 9/13/03
 Dam: Orions Star Over Blackthorn
 OFA 25F, OFEL 25, ACVO 8/07/03
 Litter: All Blacks Expected
 Contact: Vicky Hoskinson (360) 856-0649
 Email: cameolabs@comcast.net
 (Listed 2/4/03;3/5) Sedro Woolley, WA

Litter Born 2/114/04 (1YM Available)
 Sire: CH Lubberline Martingale
 OFA 25G, OFEL 25, ACVO 6/21/03
 Dam: Int.CH Cameo's West Side Story
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 8/07/03
 Heart Cleared 10/06/02
 Litter: All Yellows Expected
 Contact: Vicky Hoskinson (360) 856-0649
 Email: cameolabs@comcast.net
 (Listed 2/4/03;3/5) Sedro Woolley, WA

Litter Expected 3/17/04 Choc Expected
 Sire: Am/CanCH Skyfire's Oughta Be A Law CD,JH,WC
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 09/13/03
 Dam: Flanagan's Irish Luck Sophie
 PennHip 90% 27mos, OFEL 27, CERF 11/15/03
 Contact: Denise and John Flanagan (360)676-7603
 Email: flanneIDRF@aol.com
 Listed: 3/5/04 Bellingham, WA

Litter Expected 4/19/04 Y & B Expected
 Sire: Am/CanCH Sharay's Jeremiah CD
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 10/19/03
 Dam: CanCH Himoon Poet Laureate CGC
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 1/24/04
 Contact: Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456
 Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com
 Listed 3/5/04 Arlington, WA

Litter Born 2/01/04 (3YM Available)
 Sire: Int'l CH Hiltonhall's Rainbow Warrior
 OFA 24E, OFEL 24, CERF 10/19/03
 Dam: Willowmarsh Autumns Gold Kya
 OFA 27G, OFEL 27, AVCO 2/16/04
 Heart Cleared 44 mos.

Litter: 4YM
 Contact: Bruce & Laura Sines
 (360)966-5242 or
 (360)527-7029 (Pager)
 Email: thesines@juno.com
 (Listed 3/07/04)
 Everson, WA



**NO OTHER DOGS LISTED
 AT THIS TIME**

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LITTER NOTICE FORM (This information will also be in the litter listings issued by Puppy Referral)

Litter born (or expected) on: _____
 Puppies available (those unsold at time of listing) _____
 (number & sex & color)

Sire: _____
 OFA# _____ OFEL _____ ACVO or CERF _____
 (Age in Months & Rating) (Age in Months & number) (Date of Last Exam)
 PennHip _____ OVC# _____ WindMorgan _____
 (Age in Months & Percentile Score) (Age in Months) (Age in Months & Score)

Dam: _____
 OFA# _____ OFEL _____ ACVO or CERF _____
 (Age in Months & Rating) (Age in Months & number) (Date of Last Exam)
 PennHip _____ OVC# _____ WindMorgan _____
 (Age in Months & Percentile Score) (Age in Months) (Age in Months & Score)

Color expected or number and color of each sex born: (e.g., 1ym, 2yf, 4bf, 1bm) _____

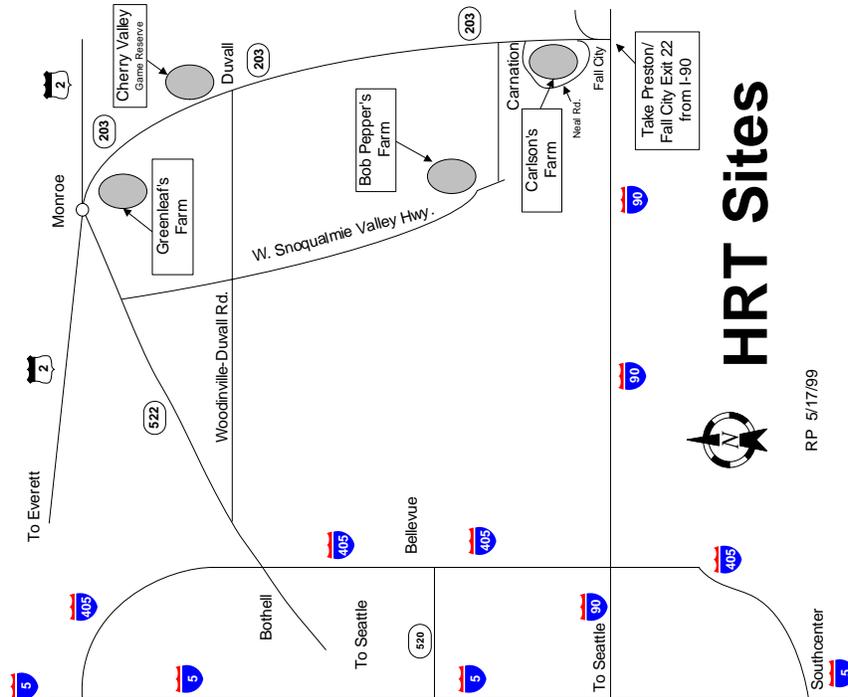
Name of Owner of Litter _____
 Address _____ City _____ St/Prov _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
 Telephone Number (DAY) _____ (EVENING) _____

Email Address: _____

YOU MUST supply hip, elbow and eye information and ATTACH COPIES OF YOUR CERTIFICATES. Remember that to comply with the PSLRA Code of Ethics, **BOTH** parents must have all these clearances except on elbows of dogs and bitches born before 5/1/87.



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