

The Retriever Believer

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President's Message

I am happy to report this year's specialty will be back in Enumclaw, August 1 through 3.

I would like to thank Tamaria Hartman and club members who volunteered at the Sportsmen's Show at the end of January.

Some members attended our club's Fun Field Training Day on Saturday, February 22, in Monroe. The turnout was outstanding and the weather cooperated. Thank you so much to Fran Seagren and her crew. Outstanding Job!

Our club has a very busy spring ahead of us, so please mark your calendars to come out and participate, watch, or help. Your help is greatly appreciated. Volunteering is a very important way to support your club. Our events cannot happen or be successful without you.

PSLRA will be having our education booth at the Seattle Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show on March 8 and 9. The club still needs volunteers for the booth; please contact Brenda Hubbard at brooke-lynn@msn.com if you are interested in helping.

On March 16, the club will be holding TDU and VST in Shoreline; please contact Nina Mann at harbortop@netzero.net if you are interested in volunteering.

On Saturday, April 5, the club will be having our Spring Working Certificate test. If you are interested in attending or volunteering, contact Bea Ferguson at babfergie70@comcast.net or Angela Rogalla at rogalla2@comcast.net. Please see flyer for the event in this newsletter.

The Working Certificate test gives one an opportunity to get an entry-level (non-AKC) field title on your dog. The test involves a live-shot flyer on land at approximately 50 yards, and then two short back-to-back retrievers on water. The test is designed to prove the dog will retrieve on land and water, will re-enter the water after the first water retrieve, and is not gun shy. On all retrieves the dog must bring the bird back to its handler across the line where it started. The dog does not have to deliver the bird to the handler's hand.

On the first weekend of May, hunt test season begins locally. Our AKC hunting retriever test will be held at Pepper's Farm near Carnation on May 3 and 4. The test involves all levels of performance: Master Hunter (Saturday and Sunday), Senior Hunter (Saturday), and Junior Hunter (Sunday). We need your help to put on this event, and no prior experience is needed. If you would like to volunteer, please email Liz Gibson at liz@telopeatlabs.com. We have many jobs to fill, and we will try to keep the shifts as short as possible. If you cannot volunteer, you should still come out and watch the event. It is a great opportunity to see some great work by our dogs and their handlers. This is a true performance event where the dogs must accomplish several retrieving and other tasks.

I hope to see club members at our coming events. Happy Training to all!

~ Kimberly

IMPORTANT DATES

March 8-9, Seattle Kennel Club, Brenda Hubbard
March 9, Wenatchee Tracking Test, KV Ranch,
March 16, TDU/VST, Shoreline, Julie Germano, Nina Mann
March 19, Membership Meeting, Issaquah IHOP
April 5, Training, Spring WC, Potluck, Greenleaf's, Angela Rogalla, Bea Ferguson
May 3-4, Spring HRT, Pepper's, Liz Gibson

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The Retriever Believer is published monthly by the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association. Non-member subscriptions are \$20/year. Contributions in the form of articles, letters or money are always welcome. Letters to the editor should not exceed one page of typeset in the newsletter. It is our goal to provide an open forum where members can present their views to the club. The editor and the board of directors reserve the right to decline publication of advertising and other material submitted for publication.

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.

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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

February board meeting

PSLRA Board Meeting, Wednesday, February 19, 2014, via teleconference. Board members present were Kimberly Dotson, Marlys Swanson, Jan Palumbo, Cindy Freeman, Nina Mann, Jennifer Hajny, Jill Mahoney, Shelah Frey, Angela Rogalla, Stephanie Harris, Nancy Harney, Brenda Hubbard, Cathy Hakola, Lizzie Moir, Tamara Hartman and guest, Bea Ferguson.

Note to All PSLRA Members

The next board meeting will also be a general membership meeting and we will discuss two important topics; whether to have a two or a three-day Specialty in 2015, and a proposed revision to requirements for being on the Breeders List (see "New Business" for the proposed change). All PSLRA members are welcome to attend. The Board would like your input on these important topics, and any others. The meeting will be at the Issaquah IHOP 6:30 p.m.

Officer Reports

President: We have secured the Enumclaw Expo Center for our 2014 Specialty. The cost is \$1,200. We have a one-year contract, which we may renew annually. The Expo Center must give us 16 months notice if they intend to not allow us to renew the contract. We will put advertisements in catalogues of other clubs to get the word out. Kimberly will find out how to place such ads.

Secretary: Both obedience and rally judges for our 2014 Specialty, Earl Vaughan and Carl Lentz, have agreed to judge both days, so we will have two rings, one for rally and one for obedience, running concurrently both days.

Treasurer: Cindy Freeman provided an email with a detailed report of club finances. The summary of the account balances are as follows:

CD	\$ 3,803
Checking (Juniors)	\$ 1,542
Checking (other)	\$ 16,066
Savings (Rescue)	\$ 3,099

Acknowledgments

—For the Sportsman Show: Tamaria Hartman, Chair, and the following volunteers: Kristi & Randy Clark, Cathy & Jeff Hakola, Tracy Hildebrandt, Brenda & Gary Hubbard, Cheri & Mark Levine, Elizabeth Moir, Cindy & James Olsen,

Darlene Pado, Katie & Roger Somers and Marlys Swanson.

—Pat Murphy for acquiring, feeding, delivering and picking up the leftover birds for the Field Training Day.

Committee Reports

Rescue: Brenda reported on two rescues this month. See page 11 in this Newsletter.

Membership: New members will be listed in April Newsletter.

Field Day: February 22. Marlys Swanson presented the following report from Fran Seagren, the Chair: Preregistrations are low. We planned for 30 dogs for each of the three classes, and have only six beginners, seven juniors and six seniors registered. Hope to get more. Pat Murphy acquired the pigeons, will have them delivered, and will pick up what we don't use after the event. He also said he will not charge us for the feed during the time he has kept the birds. Kudo's to Pat!

Seattle Kennel Club: Volunteers still needed to staff the PSLRA public information booth and to participate in "Meet the Breed." About 25 percent of the time slots for volunteers to staff our booth are filled, so more volunteers, people and their Labradors, are needed. Help also needed setting up display. Contact Brenda Hubbard to volunteer. Tamaria Hartman has the information we will display at our booth and will get it to Brenda. SKC supplies two chairs and a table.

Spring and Fall Hunt Tests: The following information was provided by Marlys Swanson based on a report from Chair, Liz Gibson: We have confirmed Peppers Grounds for both the Spring (May 3 and 4) and Fall Tests (August 23 and 24). Masters has been limited to 60 dogs, one stake. All of our judges have been confirmed; we are awaiting one judge taking a seminar to update her judges' certification before finalizing the test on Entry Express. We have confirmed a test committee. Dianne Clark has agreed to be our Chief Marshall. Diane will be looking for marshals for the test. Keo Lewis is our Hunt Test Secretary. We are looking for volunteers for traffic direction, hospitality, and other things!

Fun Match: Judges have been approved and accepted for Sweeps, Juniors, and the regular classes. Judges for obedience and

rally have been approved and waiting for acceptance. Rally and obedience will be run concurrently in two rings.

Spring WC: The spring WC will be held Saturday, April 5, 2014. Angela Rogalla and Bea Ferguson are the Chairs. They will put together a budget to present to the Board by email, and a flyer for the newsletter and website. The Board approved Shelah Frey and Nina Mann as judges. We will have ribbons for Juniors. Note: There will be no Five Series this year.

Specialty 2014: Cindy Freeman and Cathy Hakola are the Chairs. Cindy is working on the application to AKC. At the time of the meeting all the judges are in place except for the Juniors judge. (Subsequent to the meeting Cindy informed the Board that Lisa Cruanas had agreed to judge Juniors.) Cindy is requesting input from people interested in obedience and rally about what additional titling and non-regular classes they would like to have, as we will have two rings running both Saturday and Sunday. Please let Cindy,

Cathy, or Jan Palumbo know what classes you would like offered.

Fall WC: The fall WC will be held Saturday, September 27, 2014.

Old Business

Supported Entry at Rainier Sporting Dog Spectacular: A motion was made, seconded and passed to discontinue our supported entry at this show.

Health Research Donation: The Board discussed possible health research projects for our annual donation. It is difficult to find a good project to support, for various reasons. LRC has been looking into Labrador health projects and has a lot of information about them. Nina said she would email Fran Smith of LRC to get a suggestion.

New Business

Breeders List: A motion was made to remove the newly approved requirement (approved at the December Board meeting) that breeders listed on the PSLRA breeders list have two sponsors. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to remove this

requirement. However, following the vote there was a lively discussion about what the vote meant and its implications. A motion was made, seconded and passed to rescind this meeting's vote (which rescinded the December vote) and the topic would be discussed further at the upcoming general membership meeting in March.

Another topic for future discussion: Jill Mahoney suggested that we change the name of the "Member of the Year Award" to the "Ron Perry Award." Shelah Frey suggested that we discuss the process for selecting the person for this award.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, Issaquah IHOP, 6:30 pm. This will be a combined Board and General Membership Meeting. Main topics of discussion are whether to have a two or a three-day Specialty in 2015 and proposed changes to the breeders list requirements. All members welcome! Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Breeders Directory changes

The Board voted by email to implement changes to the Breeders Directory, effective January 1, 2014. The changes are as follows:

- ❖ Require at least two full years membership in PSLRA prior to being eligible (or have been a member in good standing in another Labrador Retriever Club for at least two years).
- ❖ Require two sponsors prior to being eligible to be on the list.
- ❖ Require at least once each year volunteering at a PSLRA event or serving on a PSLRA committee.
- ❖ Work out a system to have the volunteer/ committee service be self-reporting (we have ideas for this)
- ❖ Breeder's List would be updated once a year at membership renewal.

No change in fee.

Note: This topic will be discussed at the March membership meeting.



Field Day – February 22, Greenleaf’s in Monroe

by Fran Seagren

With the help of Cheri Wildes as my co-chair, and our stake chairs, Jim and Cindy Olson, Nina Mann, and Darlene Pado, we had a good time at our Field Day this year. We couldn't have pulled it off without help from other PSLRA members like Michelle Brown, Marlys Swanson, Cathy Hakola, Nancy Harney, Lee Foote, Shelah Frey, Tracey Hildebrandt, and Mike and Rhonda Forman. The icing on the cake was that we had excellent gunners! Thank you Jim Olson, Mike Forman, Allen Billingsley, and Chuck Hilton. You guys made it look easy. A thank you also goes to those members who heard my cry for help with gunners and brought some non-members to help shoot birds. Pat Murphy was great. He got the pigeons for us. He fed them for a month, had them delivered, and then picked up the ones we didn't use after the event at no charge to PSLRA!

Even though the forecast was rain and snow, we lucked out and only got the rain. Even the rain stopped from time-to-time. But, the people that turned up to train their dogs were dressed for the weather no matter what happened. And, I didn't notice a single dog that appeared to be bothered by the rain or cold.



The Junior and Senior stakes each had two training scenarios. We tried to have a balance of both success and challenge in the set ups. At the Senior stake, I saw a lot of good dog training as well as good dog work. Cheri, who ran the Junior stake, felt everyone got something out of the training there, too.

I couldn't tell what was going on at the Beginner's! There was a lot of "whooping" and cheering as well as laughing coming from Nina's stake. For sure, it appeared everyone, especially the dogs, was having a great time. It's always an exciting and memorable experience to see a puppy or dog pick up their first bird. Sometimes they don't want anything to do with

it - at first. Or, they want to eat it. And, then there's the "renegade" that grabs the bird and heads for the hills with their prize! But, when they bring that bird back to us for the very first time, all is well with the world. No matter what your puppy or dog's first reaction to birds is, it should be a positive and fun experience.

A training day is more than just retrieving a bird. It also exposes our dogs to a lot of noise, equipment, other dogs, and people. All of this can be very confusing and exciting to our dogs. If you plan to run your dog in hunt tests or other field events, exposure to all of these distractions is almost a requirement for future success. Even if all you plan to do is hunt your lab, it's still a good idea to get involved in a training group. We all can learn from watching other dogs and other trainers. Learning to sit and wait quietly in a holding blind as well as sitting at the line waiting for the birds is not an easy task for a dog that really wants that bird! It requires training, and we have a breed that happens to be one of the best when it comes to "training."

I hope everyone keeps up the fieldwork. Obviously, our dogs love it. And, we love our dogs!



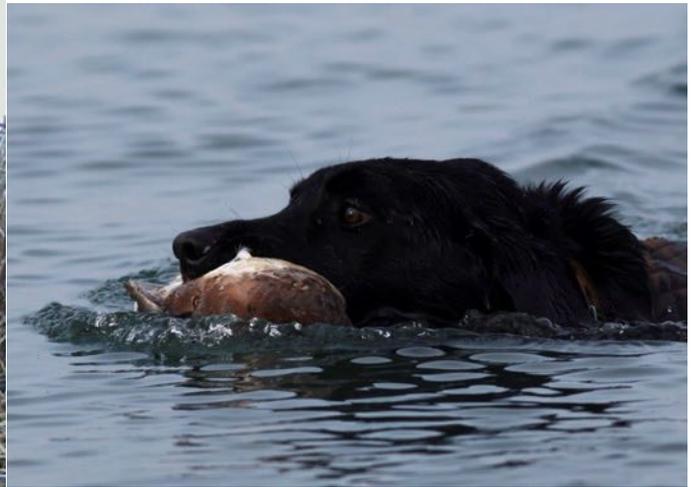
Happy Hunting



Rainy had a great day, above. Below, fifty-four pound Rainy bringing in a 14-pound goose. Rainy belongs to PSLRA members Jim and Cindy Olso.



As most of Sarge's hunting is upland, this was his ONLY duck of the season. Moment of joy above shared by Fran Seagren.



Left, Rainy waiting for the action to start. Above, Doolin's last duck of the season. Doolin belongs to PSLRA members Mike and Rhonda Forman.

Below, Rainy making a water retrieve, bringing in another goose.



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Training Day and Working Certificate

(Labrador Retrievers only)

When: Saturday, April 5, 2014
 Training Time: 10 a.m. to Noon
 WC Start Time: 12:30 p.m.
 Judges: Nina Mann & Shelah Frey
 Chair: Bea Ferguson 360-403-9698, Email: babfergie70@comcast.net
 Angela Rogalla 360-855-0957, Email: rogalla2@comcast.net
 Where: Greenleafs – just south of Monroe on Hwy. 203
 What: WC: \$30.00 pre-entry, \$35.00 for day of event
 Training (offered from 10:00 to 12:00) Only fees will be for the cost of birds.
 Directions: From Monroe (Intersection of Hwy 2/Hwy 203) approximately .9 miles south on Hwy 203, located on the West side of the Hwy
 From Duval: Approximately 5.3 miles north on Hwy 203. Located on the west side of the Highway.

Registration limited to 50 Dogs – pigeons or ducks will be used (birds will depend on availability)
 *Many thanks to those that have volunteered to judge, gun, set-up, and assist everywhere needed.

Pre-Registration Deadline is March 30, 2014
 Registration on day of event (April 5) between 10:00 and 12:00
 (Dogs registered on day of event will run after the pre-entry dogs)
 Make check payable to PSLRA
 Send Pre-registration to: Marlys Swanson
 3512 93rd PL NE Marysville, WA 98270 (425)422-4789
 Email: mlswanson@verizon.net

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Dog's Registered Name: _____ Call Name: _____

Total Paid: _____

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.

WC Application Form

The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. Working Certificate requires the following:

1. A land single retrieve of 50 yards in light cover
2. Back to back singles in water to prove willingness to re-enter the water
3. The dog is not required to be steady or deliver to hand. The judge(s) may designate an area for delivery.
4. The dog should not be gun shy.

Name of Dog: _____

Call Name: _____

AKC # _____ Sex _____ Birthdate: _____

Owner Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Volunteers needed Seattle Kennel Club Booth 2014

I'm organizing the volunteers for our Club's booth at the upcoming SKC (Seattle Kennel Club) show March 8 and 9, at Century Link Field Event Center, in Seattle. This is one of our most fun and educational events held every year. For those of you who are new, all you do is bring your dog and staff our booth. Don't worry; we will pair up veteran members with newer ones. You and your dog get free admission to the show. While in the booth, your dog will be greeted and petted by visitors. We will have all kinds of brochures and information about our Club and our Labradors.

The time slots for Saturday and Sunday are: 8-10 a.m., 10 a.m.-12 Noon, Noon-2 p.m., 2-4 p.m. Please contact me by email at: brooke-lynn@msn.com.

Thanks! Brenda Hubbard

Umpqua Club schedules seminars

On behalf of the officers and members of the Umpqua Valley Retriever Club (UVRC), we invite you to attend one or both of our two AKC seminars scheduled for April 2014.

—April 18, Judges & Handlers Retriever Hunting Test Seminar (Friday)

—April 19/20, Judges & Handlers ADVANCED Retriever Hunting Test Seminar (Sat & Sun)

There is a \$20 rebate from UVRC for participants that attend both seminars.

Presenter: Jerry Mann, AKC Field Representative

Seminar will begin promptly at 8 a.m. each day.

Location: Kevin Bunnell's House, Kevin Bunnell - 143 Val Vista Ln, Roseburg, Oregon 97471

Entries: Enter online at www.entryexpress.net.

Entries will close at 11:59 p.m. Central Time on 04/07/2014

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 1/30/2014 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. 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 agreed to accept PennHip clearances that score in the 50th percentile or higher, and clearances from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in Canada prior to May 2012. Bitches with a Penn Hip, or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 20 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance. Dogs with a Penn Hip clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, 18 months with an OVC clearance, 24 months with an OFA clearance.
 - * Eye clearances on both parents annually.
 - * Heart, EIC, PRA and CNM 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 use the PSLRA Breeder Litter Listing Program form below 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 available. The listing will be deleted after 12 weeks from the first litter listing date.
1. Mail the completed form and a check (US funds only) for \$10 (operating expenses for Breeder Listing and Puppy Referral Programs) or email your PayPal receipt to: Nina Mann, 5706 312th St. NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-9649.
 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 \$10 donation** to PSLRA (c/o Nina Mann) 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. CBP: Clear by Parentage.

Litter born 12/23/2013**1 BF available**

Sire: CH Hyspire Bohemian Rhapsody from Brecken
OFA25G, OFEL25N, LR-EYE 9/2013, Cardiac Echo
Clear, EIC CBP

Dam: Quail Run's Kiss and Tell
OFA24G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE 10/2013, Cardiac Echo
clear, EIC Carrier

Litter: 3 BF, 5 BM

Call: Cynthia Freeman (360)273-7218, cell (760)285-3706

Email: QRLabs@yahoo.com

Listed: 12/7/2013, updated 12/24/2013, 1/8/2014, 2/27/2014

Litter born 1/21/2014

Sire: Cimarron's Just Red
OFA 31G, OFEL31N, ACVO 8-10-13, Cardiac Normal

Dam: Cimarron's Little Sister Sally
OFA 25G, OFEL 25N, ACVO 8-10-13, EIC clear, Cardiac
Normal

Litter: Yellows

Call: Laura Steward DVM 360-978-4742, 360-731-9017

Email: laura@cimarronfarm.com

Listed: 1/16/2014

Litter born 1/24/2014**1 BF, 1 CF available**

Sire: GCH Can CH Cedarwoods Signature Browning Copied JH
OFA24G, OFA24N, Cardiac Echo Normal, EIC clear,
PRA clear, ACVO 7/2013

Dam: Can Int CH Cougar Creek Jazzy Josslyn
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 3/2013, Cardiac Normal,
PRA CBP, EIC clear

Litter: 3 BF, 4 CF

Email: Cecilie Drege, cougarcreeklabs@frontier.com

Listed: 11/27/2013, updated 1/3/2014, 2/26/2014

Litter born 2/7/2014**1 BM available**

Sire: GCH Niptuck Chasing Fame
OFA 26E, OFEL 26N, LR-EYE 1/2014, Cardiac Normal

Dam: Artesian's Just A Kiss
OFA24G, OFEL24N, OFA-EYE 1/2014, EIC clear

Litter: Five black males

Call: Angela Rogalla (360) 855-0957

Email: rogalla2@comcast.net

Listed: 1/29/2014, updated 2/15/2014, 2/27/2014

Older Dogs That A Breeder Has Decided To Place

Note: Owners of all dogs that are listed here have filled out and signed a PSLRA Listing Form disclosing to prospective buyers any known health and/or temperament issues that are on file with the Listing Chair.

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 hips, elbows and eyes and why the dog is being placed. The listing of older dogs in no way constitutes an endorsement by PSLRA. Price will vary.

Black female, 7 months**Intact (must be spayed)**

Dixie is a sweet girl, who loves to be held, walks on leash, is crate trained, has all her vaccines, does know basic obedience like *sit* and *down*, does well with other dogs, does well in the house but needs to be monitored because she is still a baby, always has something in her mouth, loves to play fetch

Call: Kimberly Dotson (253) 278-1116

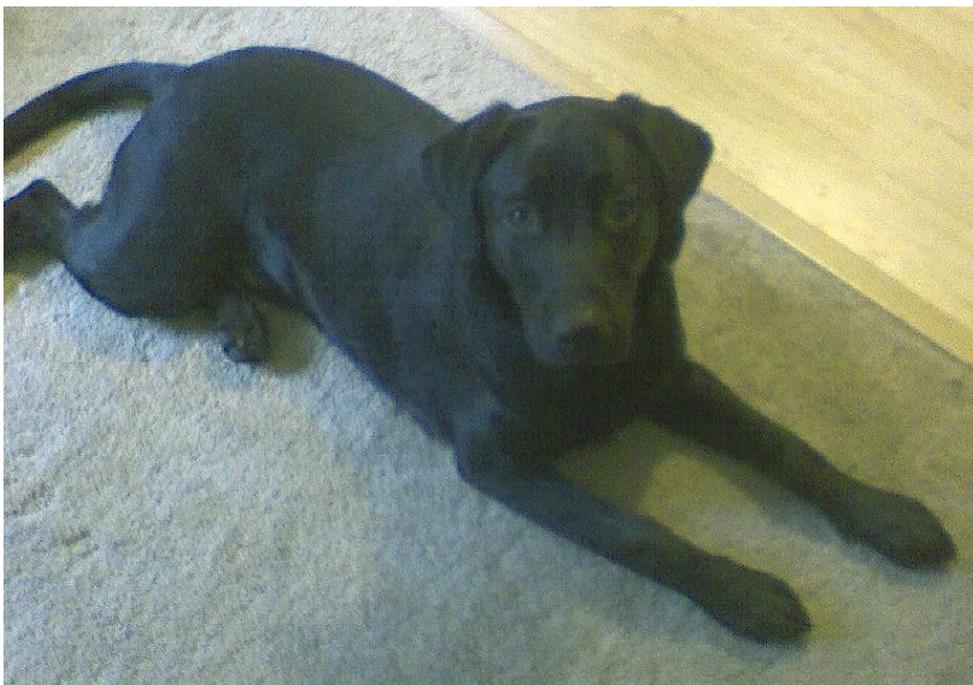
Email: clovercreeklabs@msn.com

Listed: 2/20/2014



More Rescue happy stories

Cedar is an 8-year-old yellow Lab who had recently spent most of her time outdoors due to a change in family circumstances. Her owner wanted to find a new home for Cedar as she is very people-oriented and needed more attention. Good with other dogs, cats and kids, Cedar seemed like a perfect family dog. But the first few families that came to meet her were put off by her exuberant and energetic nature. Finally, though, the right family came along and fell in love with Cedar. She is now happily living indoors again and enjoying an active lifestyle with another Lab as a playmate. We wish Cedar many happy years with her new family.



A typical, energetic 6-month old Lab puppy, Kirby was in need of more exercise and training than his owner could provide. This young black Lab had been to puppy obedience classes and was house trained and crate trained. His owner had done her best, but found that a Lab puppy was really too much for someone who worked very long hours. She decided that Kirby really needed an active family of his own, and now he has one! His new owners have rescued dogs for 17 years, and were looking for the perfect pup to accompany them in their many outdoor activities. They live next to a 100,000-acre tree farm and are on the trails on foot, mountain bike or horses nearly every day. Kirby is delighted with his new home!



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Membership Meeting, *March 19*

