

The Retriever Believer

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President's Message

We had a great turnout for our membership meeting in October. Frankly, the officers and board have become worried about the low attendance at some of our other meetings this year, but this year's "south" meeting attracted a good number of people to our meeting site in Fife. Thanks to everyone who came, and congratulations to the winners of the door prizes. Kimberly Dotson did a great job making a game out of the door prizes. For example, she awarded a gift card to the first person that could produce something in camouflage.

A Special Thanks to everyone who chaired and helped at our two most recent events. Our tracking test was held in Bow last month, and our fall agility trial the first weekend of November. Thank you to Nina Mann, Fred Drennan, Kristi Clark, Gail Gegg, and Franna Pitt for all of your hard work.

Here are the results of the voting at the 2012 business meeting of the Master National Retriever Club in Alabama. Elected from Region IV to judge at next year's Master National were Laura Judd (CA) and Bill Largent (OR). Dave Illias (of Rose City LRC) was elected director for Region IV. We appreciate the hard work, years of service, and dedication of outgoing Region IV director, Kevin Bunnell, of Roseburg.

I hope everyone has reserved the afternoon of Saturday, December 1, for our annual Holiday Party. Like last year, we will have a potluck party at Julie Germano's training building in Lake Stevens/ Arlington (directions inside), starting about noon. Please come and join us, and please bring your dogs. Be ready to participate in the many fun dog games that are planned.

An important internal function of the club is preparing for the January election of new officers and board members. The January election is particularly critical to the club, because we will have a completely new set of officers.

I want to thank the Nominating Committee for putting together a slat of nominees for you to consider. Terrie Sato chaired the committee consisting of Nina Mann, Carole Jensen, and Marlys Swanson. Please see the committee's report inside the newsletter. Per the bylaws the names will formally be placed in nomination at the December holiday party/membership meeting. Keep in mind, too, that other nominations are permissible according to the bylaws:

Additional nominations may be made at the December meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated accepts when his/her name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his or her proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his or her willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations, which are provided for herein, may be made only from those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee. Nominations cannot be made in any manner other than as provided in this section. Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting.

Also, thanks to Cathy Hakola and all volunteers representing the club at the Pet Expo. It turned out to be a well attended event, with a good opportunity to explain our breed. Looks like it will be an annual event.

There is one more important date to save: Saturday, January 12, 2013. This is the date for our annual Awards Banquet where we recognize the accomplishments of our two-legged and four-legged friends. Traditionally, the banquet is held after the Saturday dog show at the Puyallup cluster, and we have reserved the Best Western hotel for the event immediately following the show. There will be more information about how to reserve a seat for the banquet. And remember, the club subsidizes a portion of the cost for each member in good standing.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Holiday Party and the Annual Banquet.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 1, Holiday Party, Country Classic Kennels, Arlington, lunch at 1 p.m., Nina Mann & Bea Furguson

January 12, Awards Banquet, Best Western, Puyallup

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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
stephanie@skyfirelabs.com

Labs are happy, successful hunters



Today was great. After all these years, I remain a lousy to marginal shot, but my young guy, Sarge, is an awesome pheasant dog. As the roosters get smarter each week, so does Sarge. He has his own unique style of hunting these wily ditch dragons. If he puts enough of them up within gun range, it's bound to happen – yup, I hit this big daddy! Sarge was smiling and so was I. Left: Eastern Washington, Sarge, dead rooster and Fran



Mike Forman and Doolin happily pose with their goose, Doolin's first.



PUGET SOUND LABRADOR RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY !!!

- WHEN** Saturday, December 1 at Julie Germano's Place
Noon to 4 p.m.— Lunch promptly at 1 p.m.
- WHAT** Potluck! Games for you and your dog!
- WHO** For your Labradors and their people, KIDS and GUESTS
- WHERE** Country Classic Kennels, 9332 99th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223

From I-5 North or South: Exit 199 at Marysville

Go East on SR 528 (also called 4th St)

Turn left (north) onto SR 9

Turn right (east) onto 84th St NE

After 0.6 mi, turn left onto 99th Ave. N

Turn left at sign into Country Classic Kennels - go SLOW on driveway

From SR 522 in Woodinville

Exit onto SR 9 (north) Snohomish/Arlington exit

Continue for approximately 20 miles

Turn right (east) onto 84th St NE

After 0.6 mi, turn left onto 99th Ave. N

Please bring a dish that will feed 6 or 8. There is no stove, so hot dishes should be brought in a crock pot or on a hot plate. The club will provide a ham and rolls, coffee and nonalcoholic punch, plates, utensils and paper cups. Bring a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert.

If you wish to exchange gifts, bring a wrapped, anonymous funny gift that doesn't cost more than \$10. You'll get a number at the door and can choose a gift from the pile after the membership meeting.

Braggs

My (B-Mor's Morgan Le Fay) Morgan went WB, Best of Winners and BOB at the Fraser Valley Dog Show in Canada October 5. I'm very proud of my girl.— submitted by Bea Ferguson

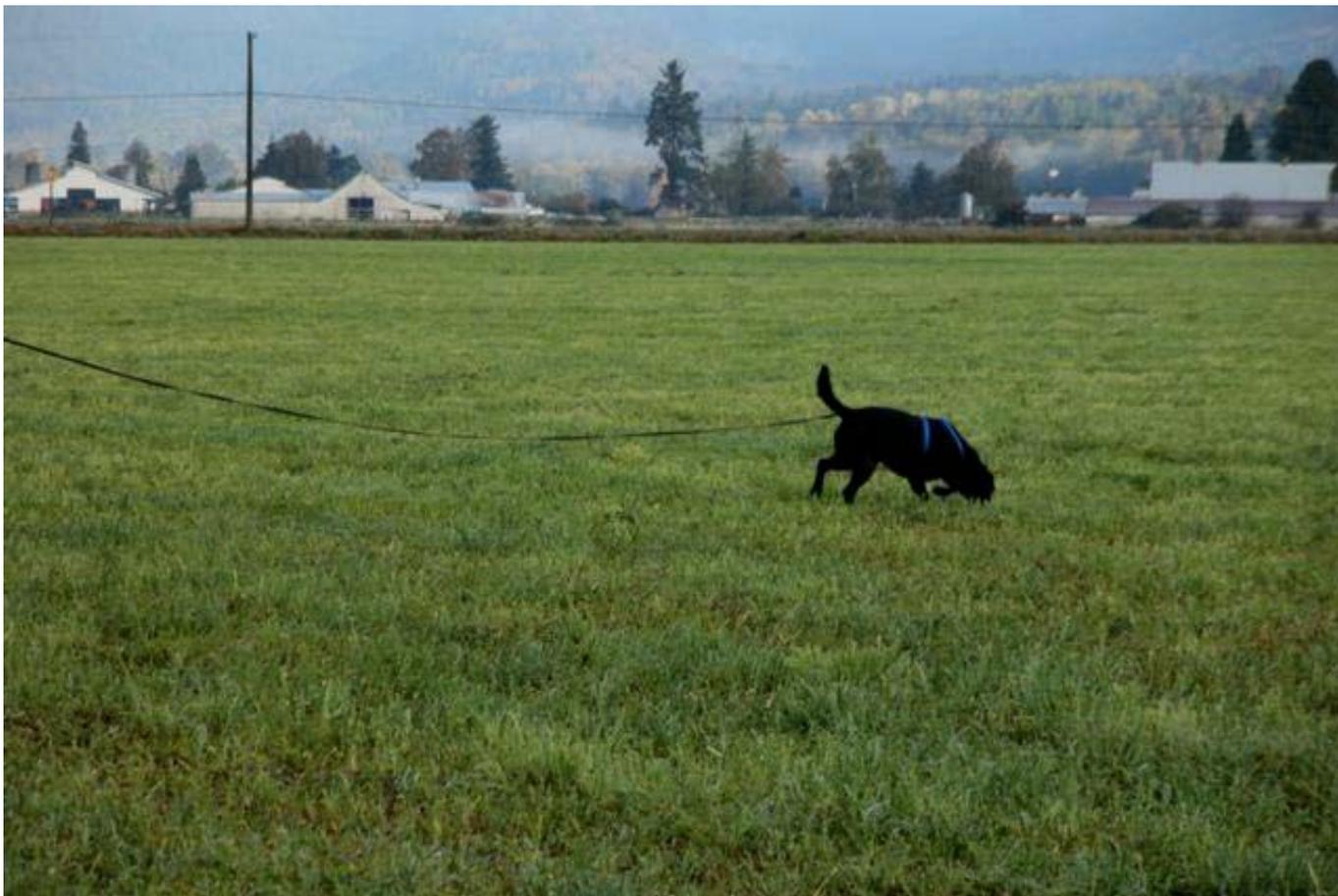


Montana, Ms T's Char-Don Always Gonna Be Another Mtn, (GrCh Gingerbred Celestial Thunder JH x Rochars Char-Don I Believe at Ms T's), took first in 6-9 AOAC in sweeps and the 6-9 regular class at the LRC National Specialty in October and did the same thing at the Spirit of St Louis LRC back-to-back specialties. He also made the cut in WD at both SSLRC specialties. He took RWD at the Prescott KC show under breeder judge, Carl Liepmann, his first weekend out. He was bred and is co-owned by Terry McFadden and Janet Schoonover. —submitted by Terry



This is Max at the Island and Pacific Labrador Retriever Club Specialty in Canada. Under Lori Chamaschuk, Max was BOS in Sweeps. He is owned and loved by my son Bruce, Marlys Swanson, and me, Bea Ferguson.

Harbortop Sayer's Duke of Denver TD received his Tracking Dog title at the Labrador Club's tracking test held October 21, 2012. Duke is owned by Jan Skewes and Ray Smith, and bred by Nina Mann.



Lingnau

So excited to announce that Thursday October 25, AM.CAN.CH.CEDARWOODS SIGNATURE BROWNING COPaIED, WC, JH, Sigg, was Best In Specialty Show at IPLRC under Mrs. Barbara Nowak !

I am Blessed !

His son (from a litter of 12), bred and owned by Marilyn Little was just recently Best in Sweeps, Best Puppy in Show back-to-back specialties.(More coming)

Two days after the win with Sigg, I fell hard on a wet, polished concrete floor in the show building and fractured two vertebrae; MRI tomorrow and surgical consult Friday. Please keep me in your prayers....Sincerely, Diann Sullivan

Good Time at Fall Working Certificate

I want to say "Thank you" for all the help and support with the Fall Working Certificate Test! After getting off to a rocky start, things finally came together. I want to thank the judges, gunners, helpers, and handlers for their patience. Having to follow the Flat Coat Club's WC/WCX definitely slowed our start time.

Our judges, Liz Skillingstad and Joni Willing did a fabulous job in setting up a fair test and judging our young and older dogs. The gunners, Laura Berger and Brad safely shot the birds and with pretty darn good accuracy! Blaine Rogalla has a mean throwing arm and helped out both on land and water! My co-chair, Bea Ferguson, jumped in to get things going when I couldn't get there before the start of the WC. She also printed all the certificates, furnished the water, ice, and apples as a treat for the judges and handlers. Angela and Blaine Rogala helped to collect the ducks for the water series from the Fall WC and stored them all in their freezer. Gail Gegg was there to write checks and pick up our entry money as well. Ron Perry made sure we had birds on hand for the land series and coordinated the arrival as well as the pick up of the remaining birds. This certainly made my day far better. He also arranged for us to share the grounds with the Flat Coat club. Darlene took some great pictures. We couldn't have asked for better weather or company.

I hope I didn't miss thanking anyone. Please know your help was greatly appreciated!

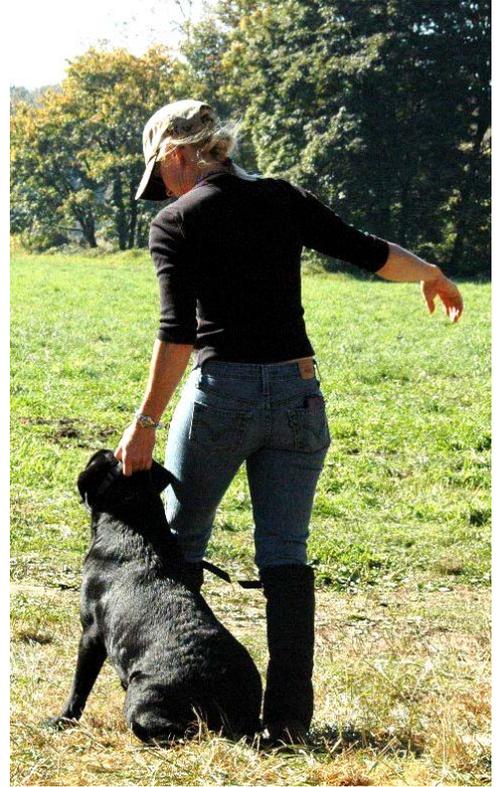
Congratulations to our two qualifiers:
Darlene Pado and Murphy
Justin Lewis and Toby

Thank you all! Marlys Swanson

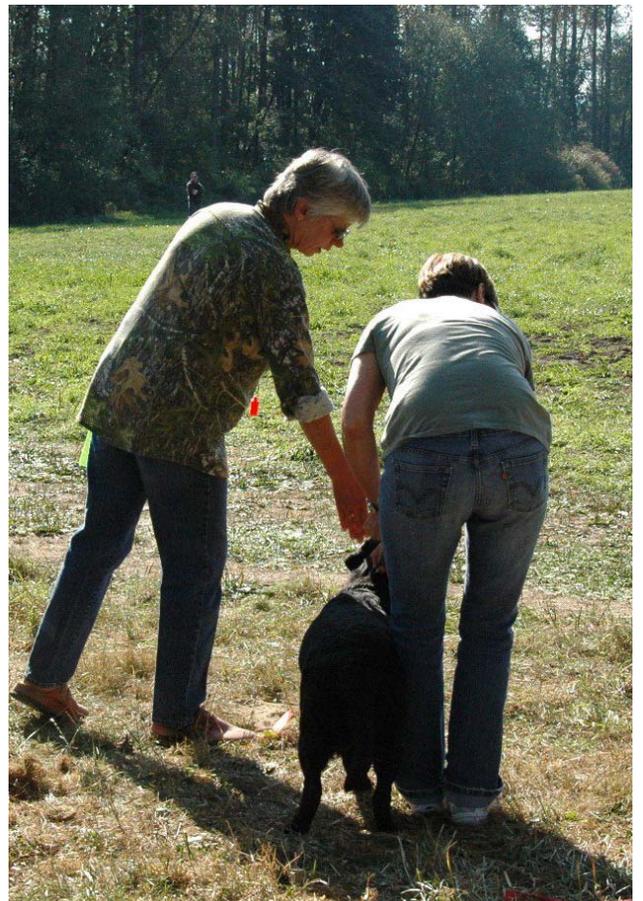


Show below: WC Co-chairs Bea Ferguson and Marlys Swanson



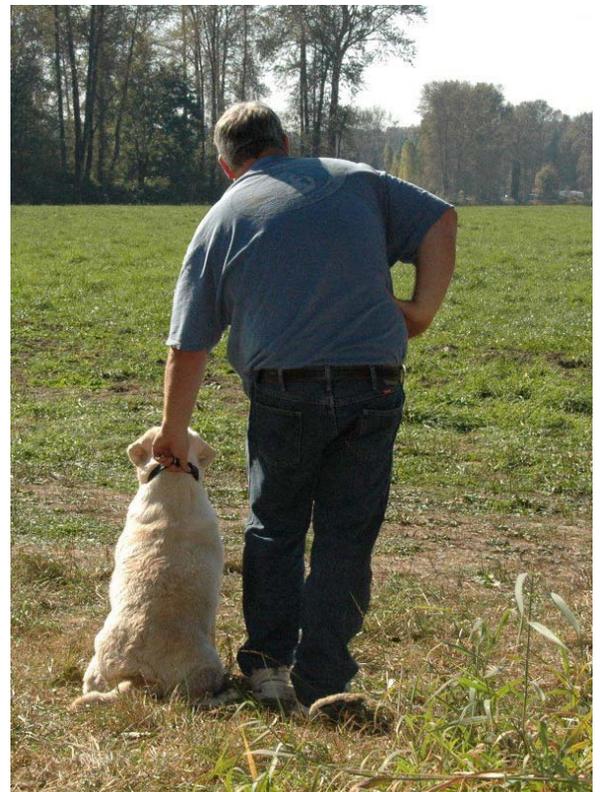


Above left: Cindy Freeman, Gail Gegg and Shelah Frey, standing; Cathy Hakola, Kimberly Dotson and Chris Dotson, seated. Above right: Shelah Frey. Shown below, Judge Liz Skyllingstad helps entrant.





Above, line up of Angela Rogalla, Jan Skewes, and the Dotsons. Below, Chris Dotson and dog ready to go.



2013 nominations announced

The nominating committee has completed the PSLRA board nominations for 2013. The candidates for next year's officers and board are:

Cathy Hakola - president
Nina Mann - vice president
Jan Palumbo - secretary
Cindy Freeman - treasurer

Ron Perry
Jill Mahoney
Brenda Hubbard
Shelah Frey

Fred Drennan
Tamaria Hartman
Stephanie Harris
Nancy Harney
Franna Pitt
Julie Germano
Kim Dotson

The committee consisting of Nina Mann, Carole Jensen, Marlys Swanson and Terrie Sato want to thank all those contacted for their swift response to our inquires and the many positive responses.—submitted by Terrie Sato, committee chair



PSLRA members attend the National

Carl Liepmann, AKC judge (labs were his breed), did the lab topiary, which was at the entrance to the Purina Great Hall where the specialty was held. Attending members below, left to right: Marilyn Parker, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Jill Mahoney, Jennifer Hajny, Barbara Gilchrist, Toni Letaio, Els Crisafulli, Barb Ironside, Nina Mann, Don Ironside, Terri McFadden.



LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 10/31/2012 that conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics. Information is as submitted by owners and provided as a service to the public. Listings of litters are in no way an endorsement by PSLRA of any litter or any one litter over another. Litters are removed from the list after three months.

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

Elbows and hips must be certified on both the sire and dam. Dogs and bitches whelped before 5/1/87 are exempt from elbow clearance requirements and will be marked OFEL N/A. Prelims are not acceptable! The board has recently agreed to accept PennHip clearances that score in the 50th percentile or higher, passing Wind-Morgan clearances, and clearances from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in Canada. Female Labradors (bitches) with a Wind-Morgan, Penn Hip, or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 20 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance. Male Labradors (dogs) with a Wind-Morgan or Penn Hip clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, or 18 months with an OVC clearance, or 24 months with an OFA clearance.

Eye clearances on both parents annually.

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 Nina Mann if you need a Litter Listing form, 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 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 **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 donation to PSLRA (c/o Nina Mann) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

Litter born 6/15/2012

2 YM, 1 BF available

Sire: Somersun Skyfire Six Shooter for Livewire
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 9/2011, EIC Clear, CNM Clear, PRA Clear, Cardiac Echo Normal
Dam: Can CH Cimarron SkyfireBy Gosh N By Golly
OFA24F, OFEL24N, CERF 9/2011, EIC Clear, PRA Clear, OFA Heart Normal
Litter: 4 YF, 3YM, 2BM, 1BF
Call: Stephanie Harris (509) 929-53=227
Email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com
Website: <http://www.skyfirelabs.com>
Listed: 7/26/2012, 9/1/2012, 9/28/2012

Litter born 7/19//2012

4 BM available

Sire: Kingsland's Rocky Top MH
OFA24E, OFEL 24N, ACVO 10/12/11, CNM clear, EIC Normal
Dam: Oaklandbay Jade
OFA35G, OFEL35N, CERF7/3/12
Litter: All black
Call: Jeff & Cammie Storey (253) 853-2105, (206) 940-0287
Email: csfirefly@yahoo.com
Listed: 9/1/2012, 9/21/2012, 10/31/12

Litter born 9/1/2012

1 CM, 3 CF available

Sire: Kingland's Super Cooper
OFA24E, OFEL24N, ACVO 8/2012, CNM Clear, EIC Normal
Dam: Midnightsky's Merganser Mira
OFA24F, OFEL24N, Acvo 8/2012
Litter: 6 CM, 4 CF
Call: Teresa Meredith (253) 845-1311
Email: kingsland_labs@hotmail.com
Website: kingslandlabradors.com
Listed: 8/28/2012, 9/28/2012

Litter born 10/20/2012

3YF, 4YM

Sire: Int CH Rocking M's Here For The Party
OFA25E, OFEL 25N, ACVO 2/26/12, EIC Clear, CNM clear
Dam: Int CH Rocking M's Mystic Topaz
OFA25E, OFEL25N, ACVO 2/26/12, EIC Clear
Litter: 3 YF, 4 YM
Call: Bryan & Cindy Meyer (253) 318-2723 days, (253) 846-9583 eve.
Email: rockingmlabs@rockingmlabs.com
Listed 10/29/2012

Litter Due Date: 12/2/2012

Sire: GCH Briarwood's Eye on the Prize
OFA24G, OFEL 24N, ACVO 2012, EIC Clear, CNM Clear, Optigen A Normal
Dam: Jessmick Golden Miracle
OFA 24G, OFEL 24N, ACVO 9/15/2012, EIC Clear
Litter: All black
Call: Blane & Angela Rogalla, Brae Labradors (360) 855-0957
Email: rogalla2@comcast.net
Listed: 10/31/2012

Litter expected mid December

Sire: Can/Int CH Shilohs Northern Lights of Cougar Creek
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 8/24/12, Optigen Normal, Heart normal cardiologist, CNM clear, EIC normal by parentage
Dam: Cougar Creek Drama Queen
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 9/23/12, Optigen Normal by parentage, EIC normal by parentage,
Litter: blacks and yellows
Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com
www.cougarcreeklabs.com
Listed 10/20/2012



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 is on file with the Breeder 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.

Yellow female 10 months**To be spayed**

Georgia is a really sweet, active, fun dog. She is crate trained, partially house trained, very social. Loves kids, other dogs, fine with cats. Current on all vaccines, microchipped. She has no health issues at all, just looking for an active person or family to be with !

Call Laura Steward, 228 Oyler Rd, Ethel, WA 98542, 360-978-4742, 360-731-9017

Email: laura@cimarronfarm.com

Listed 9/29/2012

Labs can make friends anywhere



The Dolphin Research Center in Marathon, Florida is where people can swim with the well cared-for marine mammals, but it's much more than that. It's a rescue operation for not only dolphins, but sea turtles, manatees and other Florida Keys species. When the dolphins aren't busy with that, or doing their research, they maintain an informative blog, where they post videos of themselves like this one. Amazingly smart creatures.

Posted by neatorama.com



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