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President's Message

WOW! It is hard to believe that the year is almost over. Here we are coming up on turkey dinner and pumpkin pie. Yum!

This past month was our Tracking Test. By the time you read this newsletter, our Fall Agility Trial will have come and gone. Thank you to all who came out and helped at the Tracking Test and Agility Trial. We hope to have the results in our December newsletter.

Looking Ahead:

Our Nominating Committee is searching for a secretary for 2015/2016. If anyone is interested in joining the Board, please contact Brenda Hubbard, Leslie Douglas, or Sonya Dudder. The nominating process concludes at the end of the month. The nominations will be formally announced at our December Holiday Party and Membership Meeting.

I hope everyone has reserved the afternoon of Saturday, December 6, 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. This January election is particularly critical to the club because we will have a completely new set of officers.

Kimberly

IMPORTANT DATES

**November 1,2, Fall
Agility, Kristi Clark
November 19, Board
Planning Meeting,
6:30 p.m.
teleconference
December 6, Holiday
Party, County Classic,
Arlington, Bea
Ferguson, Nina Mann**

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.

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.

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
stephanie@skyfirelabs.com

club business

October board/members meeting

PSLRA Board and General Membership Meeting, Johnny's, Fife, Wednesday, October 15, 2014. Board Members present were Kimberly Dotson, Jan Palumbo, Jennifer Hajny, Nancy Harney, Tamaria Hartman, Stephanie Harris, Brenda Hubbard, Jill Mahoney, Nina Mann. General Members present were Bev Bowe, Theresa and Chris Damoiseux, Chris Dotson, John Harris, Nancy Moon, Stacey Parsons, Mary Jane Sarbaugh.

Officer Reports

Treasurer: Cindy Freeman sent the following by email:

ASSETS

Checking - Jrs Fund	1,542.07
Checking - Other	17,906.36
Total Checking	19,448.43
Certificate of Deposit	3,832.22
Savings	
Special rescue fund	3,286.40
Total Checking/Savings	26,567.05
Total Current Assets	26,567.05
TOTAL ASSETS	26,567.05

LIABILITIES & EQUITY 0.00

Acknowledgments

Health Clinic: Nina Mann and Mary Jane Sarbaugh, chairs; Jennifer Hajny, Liz Skillingstad, and Sharon Hilton, volunteers.

Fall WC: Angela Rogalla and Bea Ferguson chairs; Kristi Clark and Shelah Frey, judges; Jessica Harris, Bruce Ferguson, and Chris Dotson, gunners; Nancy Harney, marshal.

Specialty Site Selection: Stacey Parsons, Angela Rogalla, and Lucy Isaacson-Logan.

For years of putting together the Specialty Catalog: Darlene Pado.

Committee Reports

Rescue: See report elsewhere in this newsletter.

Health Clinic: Nina Mann reported the Health Clinic was a big success. It broke even financially. Lots of people came. Everything ran very smoothly.

Fall WC: Completed and went well. The qualifiers were posted on Facebook and in last month's newsletter.

Fall Agility Trial: Everything is ready - per email from Kristi Clark.

Fall Tracking Test: Everything is ready. Entries are full with a few alternates - per email from Jan Skewes.

Christmas Party: Date is December 6 at Julie Germano's Training Facility.

Annual Banquet: Will be at the Best Western Hotel in Puyallup in the downstairs banquet room.

January Sweepstakes at Puyallup Show: Cindy Freeman is the chair.

Sportsman Show: Tamaria Hartman volunteered to chair this event.

SKC Booth: We need a chair for this event.

Old Business

Hunt Test Equipment: Kimberly Dotson and Chuck Hilton will be meeting with members of Rainier to discuss equipment needs and sharing equipment. They will also work on getting a written agreement between PSLRA and Rainier about sharing equipment. Still have not sold the old match trailer, currently residing at Shelah's. Tamaria said there had been some discussions about not selling it until we were sure we did not need it, pending discussions with Rainier. Kimberly will discuss with Chuck Hilton. Most people think we should sell the trailer before it wears out its welcome at Shelah's.

Specialty: Jill Mahoney reported she is getting the chairpersons lined up and looking for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, send Jill an email at Mahoney@wwdb.org.

Officer Elections: Nominating Committee has been formed: Brenda Hubbard; Sonya Dudder; Leslie Douglas. Kimberly said next year there will be, nine in-person meetings and three teleconferences.

LRC Letter to Judges: Jennifer Hajny asked whether or not we are going to send a letter to LRC requesting they send their "Call for Action" letter to Labrador judges. LRC has sent another letter to judges, which many on the Board have not seen. Many on the Board have also not seen the "Call for Action" letter or the previous LRC letter regarding judging of Labradors. Tamaria Hartman offered to provide all three letters to the Board and we will discuss whether to write a letter to LRC at the next board meeting.

Specialty Site: Jill Mahoney and Stacey Parsons reported Enumclaw Expo Center has offered us space for our 2015 Specialty. It is space to the north and east

of where we had our 2014 Specialty. All thought it was a good space. The other option available is the Kitsap County Fairgrounds in Bremerton. It is more expensive, less centrally located, and they were non-committal about whether we could really have it. We cannot have it in 2016. It was generally less desirable than the Enumclaw Site, so everyone agreed to stick with the Enumclaw Expo Center.

Supported Entry at Wenatchee Show: The Board discussed supporting the Wenatchee show. Stephanie Harris made a motion that PSLRA support, not to include Sweepstakes, three shows throughout the year. One show being Wenatchee, and two additional shows in addition to Puyallup, which we already support. Jennifer Hajny will work out guidelines for how to spend the money, which is not to exceed \$1500 for the three shows. She will present those guidelines to the Board. The motion was seconded and passed.

Golden Retriever Specialty: PSLRA was approached by the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club about sharing grounds, costs, and judges for our Specialties. We all agreed we wanted to keep our Specialty independent from other clubs.

Obedience Survey: Jill Mahoney received a request to respond to the AKC proposal to change the obedience requirements. Several people on the Board are commenting individually on the proposed changes. There is generally opposition to the changes from many clubs and exhibitors.

Code of Ethics Revisions: Janet Healy has proposed PSLRA add the requirement to test for the dilute gene to its Code of Ethics. Mary Jane said she would put the topic out for discussion on the PSLRA Lab Chat list. We will discuss it at the Annual Banquet.

Research Donation: Nina Mann brought up that we have not made our annual donation for Labrador health research for two years. No decision was made, but all agreed to make this donation soon. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2014, 6:30 p.m., at IHOP in Issaquah.

Wyatt November 1, 1999—October 3, 2014



May your spirit ride the wings of the birds we so loved to hunt.

As they commit to the decoys below, off you go.

I will feel you in the wind, the rain, and the sun.

We walked many fields together, watching the wonder of sunrise and set.

No thorny brush patch or fallen tree kept you from your desire.

Through driving rain, falling snow, and icy waters you prevailed.

So many birds brought to my side, so many, many days afield.

You have delighted my soul with your endless energy, never tiring before day's end.

You have comforted me, when I needed my quiet companion with knowing eyes.

As I remember you in your glory ... we ... will always be.

Off you go now. Off you go.

By Mike Forman

Brews

Romany Cimarron Summer Wind NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ, Windy, finished both of her Open Agility titles on September 28 in Prineville, Oregon. Windy is owned and loved by Sandy Wasson and Earnie Robinson, bred by Laura Steward.—submitted by Sandy Wasson.





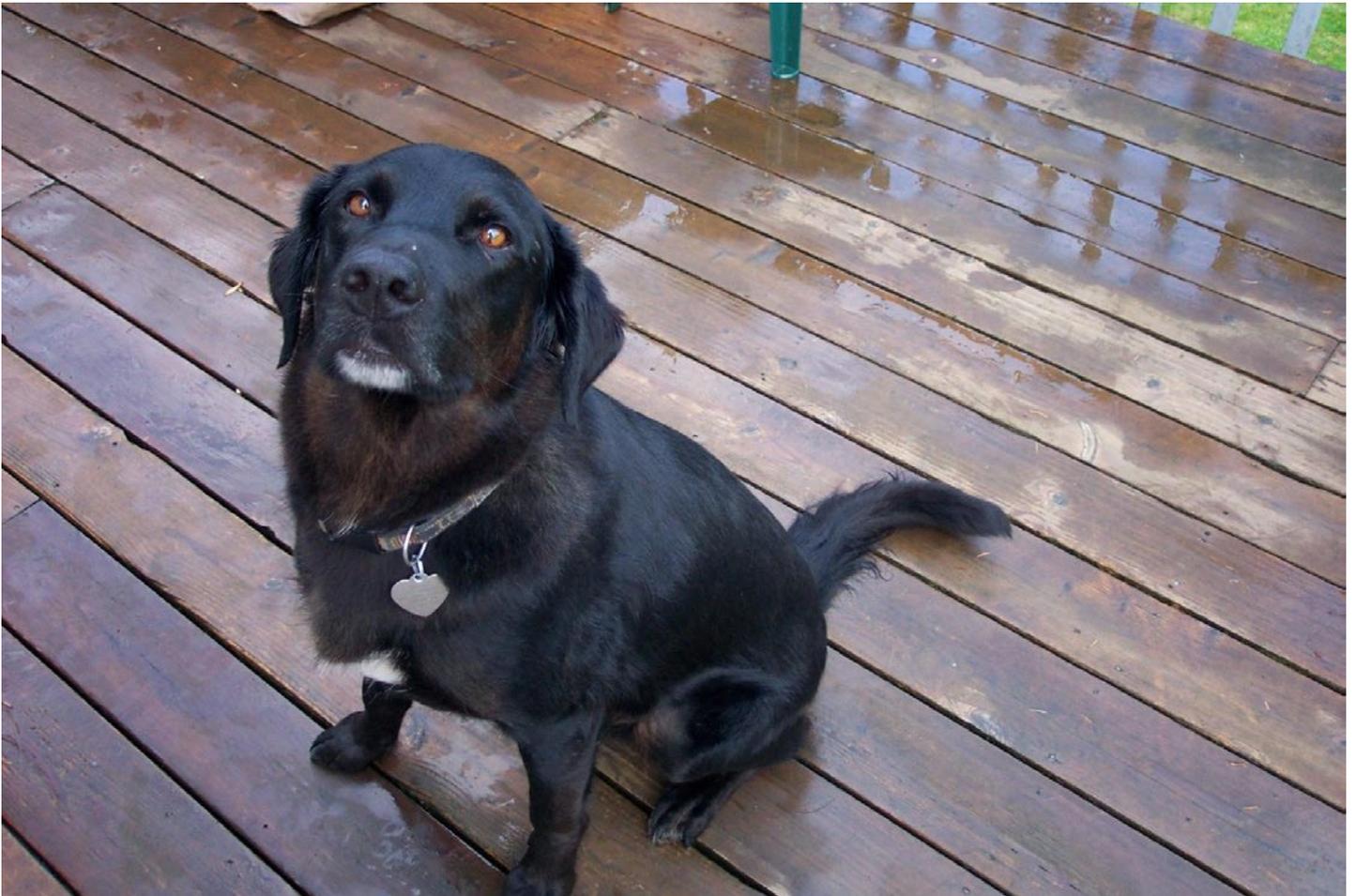
Lincoln Creek Valley Excessive Celebration, Spike, Sporting Group 3

It had been a very rough week for me and I was thinking of not going to the dog show last weekend. Cindy Freeman encouraged me to press on and I did and it paid off. Thank you Cindy for being there for me this weekend and forcing me to stay for groups!—Cathy Hakola



Rescue Report

Brick is a black male, approximately four to five years old. He was picked up as a stray at King Co. shelter in Kent. Kent shelter is undergoing extensive renovations in the dog area, but is still open. Renovations include kennels being resurfaced, so there is no adoption area there for dogs. Brick passed his behavior test with flying colors, but was showing aggression toward other dogs. All dogs were being transported to the Sea Tac area where King County is renting space at a dog boarding facility. Brick wasn't "solid" enough to go to the adoption center at Kirkland Petco, so he needed fostering. Brenda and Gary Hubbard provided him a foster home with training and kindness. Brick has completely calmed down and is no longer aggressive toward other dogs.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

PUGET SOUND LABRADOR RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY !!!

WHEN Saturday, December 6 at Julie Germano's Place
Noon Social Hour- Lunch promptly at 1 p.m. - Games to 4 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

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 miles, turn left onto 99th Ave. N

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

Park head in opposite main building

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 miles, 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 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 about \$10. You'll get a number at the door and can choose a gift from the pile after the membership meeting.

What Makes a Specialty Special?

by Laura Berger

In the twenty odd years that I have been involved in the sport of Labradors I have attended many specialties, including Nationals. I have yet to attend the biggies like the Potomac and most certainly will one of these years, but have found the smaller specialties can be just as exciting.

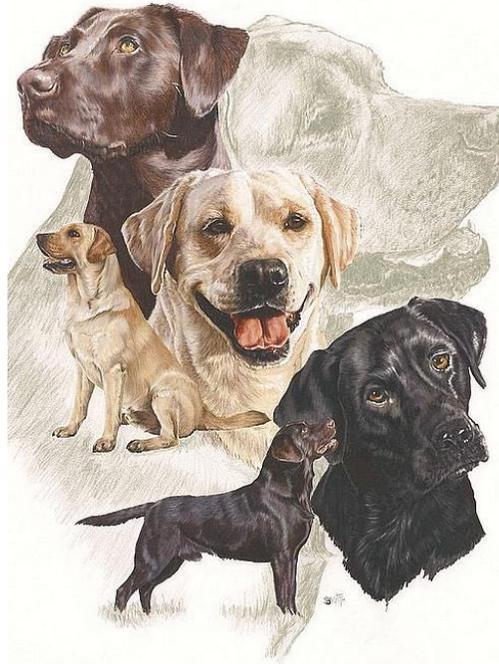
I recently found myself going through some pins that I have collected over the years from different clubs and specialties and that prompted the writing of this article. I was doing pretty well with my collection, but in recent years have found that clubs no longer have them as a nice little collectible, and I miss that. This is one exhibitor who thinks all clubs should have pins, with their logo, as a gift or for sale to benefit rescue.

Some clubs have gift bags for the exhibitors, usually sponsored by a dog food company, with all sorts of fun useful goodies in them. I have quite a collection of tote bags as a result of this tradition. I have also collected some really nice posters from specialties, also a tradition that seems to have gotten lost. I guess they have fallen by the wayside because most folks would rather have sweatshirts and t-shirts to mark the event. I am always impressed by the artwork and the logos that appear on shirts for various specialties, and will often order one, even if I am unable to attend.

Most clubs have an after specialty banquet or bbq, requiring folks to bring a food item for a potluck style dinner. I am a member of PSLRA, and this is one part of the specialty we all look forward to as we have some really great cooks in our club. Some smaller clubs will have a wine and cheese gathering, and these are always nice, too. There was a rather silly event that took place after the Sporting Dog Spectacular in British Columbia for a few years, which got missed last year but I'm sure will return in future. We drew quite a crowd, as we would gather around one of the exhibitors vans, to spit cherry pits at it! It was really quite competitive as the distance from the van gradually grew and those unable to hit it dropped out, leaving some very talented spitters to compete in a spit off. One year in particular we all brought food items for a pot luck prior to the actual "event" and someone even supplied champagne, making it that much more challenging for spitting accuracy!

Of course I cannot forget the raffles! What would a specialty be without one? I am always amazed at what a club will go through, and the number of items that turn up, for a general raffle. All clubs know this is a great fundraiser for rescue to say nothing of

the fun when one or two people seem to win way more than anyone else! PSLRA does something I think is unique with regard to fund raising. We organize a silent Basket auction where club members, and sometimes non-members put together theme baskets. These baskets come from individuals, and small groups from all over Washington, Oregon, Alaska, and Canada. In fact, the California exhibitors have been known to bring baskets as well. They do not have to be Labrador related and in the past have included wine and cheese, salmon, fruit, bath and body products, jewelry, and just about anything else. Obviously there are certain baskets that become coveted, usually when there are a number of Labrador related items in it. It's totally up to the imagination and is a lot of fun, to say nothing of the huge amount of money it brings in for rescue.



One tradition that somehow got overlooked at this past PSLRA specialty was club member introductions during the potluck dinner. Usually after dinner, before the judges make their speeches, table by table each person introduces themselves, usually giving a little insight into the number of dogs, or other animals, they have and their color preferences in Labs. More often than not it gets pretty carried away, and becomes quite the comedy show. The visiting judges always get a kick out of how well our club gets along, and the fun we poke at each other.

I recently attended the BCLRC specialty, their first time in a new location, and the co-chairs were absolute novices to their positions. They put on a great show, but most memorable were the prizes for first place in each class. They had made braided leashes with beads spelling out BCLRC and other colored beads randomly throughout. They were enclosed in a packet with note cards that were also done by the same gals with candid lab photos on them. The leashes were done in black, yellow and brown so no one was dissatisfied with the color of their leash. This was one of the coolest personal touches I have ever seen from a club. Even the BOB trophy was hand made in wood shop class by one of the club's well known juniors. It was a beautiful wall clock with a cabinet under it for whatever type of storage one may think of. The leashes were such a huge hit that the girls have already committed to making them for next year's show.

Of course the real reason we attend specialties is to show off our dogs. There has been quite the evolution in classes offered besides the regular classes and sweepstakes classes that are a must. Some are just plain fun, like a costume class, while others are created to show off progeny from particular breeders. PSLRA offers a breeder's cup for this purpose, similar to a stud or brood bitch class, but the entrants can be of either sex and are not necessarily as closely related as in the stud and brood classes.

The intent of this class is to judge the consistency of type within a particular breeder's program. It's very interesting to watch, and I do know that other clubs offer this same class. There are two other classes that PSLRA offers that I personally think are of great importance, showing the true versatility of our dogs. One is the All Around class where dogs entered must have a Championship as well as a title in the field and a performance title such as obedience, tracking or agility. The other is the Versatility class in which the dogs entered must have a title in 3 of the 5 performance categories, field, obedience, agility, tracking or therapy.

Above all, specialties are special because of the dogs and the camaraderie at ringside. It is a great venue for newcomers to learn about the breed, talk with breeders, and develop life long friendships as well as seeking out a mentor. I know the weekend of events for the PSLRA specialty make for a very long weekend because we also offer a WC on the Sunday after the show. We all go home exhausted but generally with huge smiles on our faces because of a job well done. It takes a lot of effort from the membership to put on a successful show, but it is always worth it!
This piece was originally written for LQ in 2006.

Dear PSLRA Members,

The Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association is currently looking for general members who would be interested in serving on the Board as a director in the Officer's position of Board Secretary (Board of Directors, Secretary). Jan Palumbo is stepping down from this position at the end of 2014. We thank her for her faithful service.

Members must be in good standing with the Club and attend monthly Board meetings on a regular basis, which are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Next year there will be approximately nine in-person Board meetings and three by teleconference. Commitment to attendance is of utmost importance.

As stated in the club's bylaws, the Secretary will be responsible as outlined below:

The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. He or she shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify Officers and Directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses and carry out such other duties as prescribed in these bylaws.

You may find a copy of the club's Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Code of Ethics at the following address: <http://www.pslra.org/html/ethics.html>. If interested, please contact the Nominating Committee.

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Sonya Dudder, Email: dolcevitalabs@hotmail.com, Phone: 425-422-6530

Leslie Douglas, Email: ledougl@aol.com, Phone: 425-513-1005

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 10/30/2014 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 format 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 9/20/20143**3 YM available**

Sire: Int CH Mtn Star Rolling Thunder JH CD RA Pet Partner
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 3/2014, Cardiac Normal,
CNM clear, EIC clear

Dam: Mountain Star Spring Forward Wagging
OFA26G, OFEL26N, ACVO 10/2013

Litter: 2YF, 6 YM

Call: Barbara & Harvey Hazen 509-833-9715, 509-833-9705

Email: harveyhazen@yahoo.vcom, barbhazen@yahoo.com

Listed: 10/17/2014

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, on file with the Listing Chair, disclosing to prospective buyers any known health and/or temperament issues.

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.

None at this time.



Pat Hastings

Structure in Action

- The basics of canine structure
- The weakest links in canine structure
- Evaluating structural quality of puppies & adults
(1 -2 litters of 7 – 9 week old puppies and 6 – 8 adult dogs with structural issues are needed. Please volunteer your litter or adult on the form below)
- How structure shapes activities your dog does
- Strengthen structure to reduce risk of injury
- Apply it all to individual dogs



Dog Evaluations

Pat will continue adult evaluations on Sunday if at least 10 sign up and pay the additional fee (participants may stay to audit). Sign your dog up!



Who is Pat Hastings?

AKC recognized Pat with a Lifetime Achievement Award for Pat's exceptional contributions to excellence in purebred dogs for over 50 years as master breeder, professional handler, multi-group judge, educator, and author including the great *Puppy Puzzle* DVD developed after evaluating more than 300 litters of puppies a year in multiple breeds plus books such as *Tricks of the Trade*. More info at www.dogfolk.com. Pat's books and DVDs will be available for purchase at the workshop

My Dogs Gym & Training Centre

1337 Madison St NE #165
Salem, OR 97301
PH: 971-239-5518

Directions to Gym and area hotels on the events tab at <http://www.mydoggym.com>



Register On-line

<http://tinyurl.com/oku4vch>

\$75 Workshop only
with Lunch & Snacks

\$50 Adult Evaluation
(**\$45** if more than 12 dogs sign up)
Sunday Only

By Mail

Complete form on reverse and mail to Gym address at bottom.

Hours

Saturday - Nov 15

9 am to 6 pm

Sunday – Nov 16

9 am to noon

Check out

*What Not to Err
Plenty in Life Is Free*

**A weekend with
Kathy Sdao**

October 25 & 26



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