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President's Message

Hi Everybody!

Has everyone visited the club's newly designed web site? It is both eye-appealing and functional. Sarah Fischer was the principal designer for the new site, and Stephanie Harris put many hours into the project as well. We all know how important it is to have an attractive and informative web site, since most people visit our web site to get information about puppies and breeders. If you haven't seen the changes, go to www.pslra.org as soon as you can, and prepare to be impressed.

As an added bonus to the new site, both Stephanie and Sarah set up the online entry process for the April 9 5 Series and WC, making it easy to enter and pay in one easy step. Terrific job, you two!

I want to thank everyone who responded to the call for volunteers to staff the club's booth at the Seattle Kennel Club shows last month. Special recognition goes to Brenda Hubbard, who recruited and assigned the volunteers, to Travis Fischer who delivered and set up the booth, and to Tamaria Hartman and Lizzie Moir who took down the booth at the end of a long Sunday. We frequently had all three colors of Labs represented at the booth, which is great! The educational material is very important in this effort, because many of the people who come to the booth are interested in having a Lab, now or in the near future. We hope that when the time comes to contact breeders, those buyers will remember the club and its services.

Jill Mahoney organized the club's presentation at the Seattle Kennel Club's Meet the Breed. Sarah Fischer, Bea Ferguson, Marlys Swanson, Jill and I brought our Labs into a small ring to briefly show off our dogs, and, more important, talk to people about our breed. We fielded lots of good questions from the people who participated.

By the time you read this message, chances are that our 5 Series and WC event on April 9 has taken place, so I will hold any comments on it for next month.

We still need volunteers for our Spring Hunt Test on May 7 and 8 at Pepper's Farm near Carnation. Please try to volunteer to work a half-day or more. At the very least, come out and watch! The first time I watched a hunt test, I was hooked on it. I was so impressed with the working abilities of our dogs that you don't get to see unless you hunt with your Lab or compete in field events. The field abilities of our Labs are awesome. For more info or to volunteer, contact me at perrylab@aol.com. I guarantee you will have a great time, even if it rains!

We will be very busy in June, too, with our match June 12 and our Spring Agility Trial June 25, 26, and 27. Please consider entering and/or volunteering at these fun events. — Have fun training this spring. Ron

IMPORTANT DATES

April 9, Working Certificate, Greenleaf's Farm, Monroe, Marlys Swanson/Bea Ferguson

April 9, 5 Series, Sarah Fischer (entries only)

April 28 Board meeting

May 8-9 Spring HRT, Ron Perry, Pepper's

May 26 Board meeting

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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:

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club business

February board meeting minutes

Rescheduled to March 2 because of snow:

Hilton Garden Hotel, Issaquah

Present: Ron Perry, Jill Mahoney, Gail Gegg, Nina Mann, Bea Ferguson, Sarah Fischer, Brenda Hubbard, Franna Pitt, Terrie Sato. Absent: Nancy Harney, Stephanie Harris, Mary Jane Sarbaugh.

President's Report: Ron thanked everyone for bearing with the reschedule of the meeting and called it to order at 6:50. Before proceeding, Jill Mahoney showed some articles donated by artist Jim Lamb, who would like to have a booth at our specialty.

Secretary's report: Email correspondence from AKC February 2 approved our rally and obedience judges for August 6 and obedience judge for August 7. Further emails pointed out that the Rally trials can't be approved till after the Obedience trials. An invitation to participate in America's Family Pet Expo in July was discussed and it was decided that we have enough events on our calendar and don't need to add another. Motel 6 asked us to put them in our premium list as a dog-friendly motel, but there aren't any Motel 6s in or near Enumclaw. Umpqua Valley Retriever Club announced a Dave Rorem field-handling seminar, on the same dates as our spring hunt test.

Treasurer's Report: Gail said that our bank balance is \$18,089.73, but reminded everyone that this includes the rescue funds and that we have a number of large expenses coming up.

Acknowledgments: To Cathy Hakola for the Sportsmen Show, to Kimberly Dotson for the Training Day and to Don Wildes for getting the birds. To Liz Skyllingstad and Joni Willing for transporting the rescue puppies from the shelter to their foster home on the Olympic peninsula, and to Jill Mahoney for arranging the meeting room and dinner.

New members this month are Cheri Conway, Klamath Falls, sponsored by Nina Mann and Shelah Frey and Kent and Chris Goman, Portland, sponsored by Kathy Jackson and Amy Smith.

Field Training Day was very cold but very successful. Among others, Chuck Hilton and Dixie Humble demonstrated different steps in starting young dogs.

The 5-series will be co-chaired by Liz Gibson and Liz Skyllingstad. Sarah Fischer will receive entries, which this year can be made on line with Pay Pal. Bea Ferguson and Marlys Swanson will chair the WC. The revised budget was approved.

Spring Hunt Test: Ron announced that we have a slate of judges for both the spring and fall tests.

Seattle Kennel Club: Volunteers are still needed to transport the booth and help set it up. Brenda will get on the chat list to ask for volunteers. Meet the Breed will be at 12:30 on Saturday.

Specialty: Chair Gail Gegg will be the point of contact for the judges, as she is not showing. She will recruit volunteers to meet the judges at the airport as needed. There was a discussion about opening the Obedience and Rally trials to all breeds in order to make them more profitable, but the general sentiment was in favor of keeping all events at the specialty for Labradors only. It was decided that we will offer the three new titling classes this year and see if there is interest in them.

Spring Agility Trial: Our spring agility trial has a new location, as the previous one was booked. It will be at Skykomish River Park, which is in the same area. All three classes, Excellent, Open, and Novice will run all three days. Friday will start at 10 a.m.; Saturday and Sunday, at 9 a.m.

—The Agility committee presently consists of Donna Dykstra, Gail Gegg, Julie Germano, Cheri Levine, Mark Levine, and Ed Parsons. A newcomer's mentor program will be offered for first-time participants. High in Class Labradors will get ribbons again this year.

Everything is on schedule, and the schedule and budget will be given to the Board at the April meeting.

New Business: Jill Mahoney asked for a motion to support the Labrador entry at the Rainier Sporting Dog show. Motion carried. Jill also noted that our IRS filing will be on time.

—Ron announced that he asked Stephanie Harris to chair a committee to review our code of ethics and bring any needed changes to the Board and subsequently to the membership for a vote. Bea Ferguson, Jill Mahoney, Nina Mann, and Mary Jane

Sarbaugh are interested in serving on the committee.

—Another committee was formed, chaired by Jill Mahoney, to talk about volunteer recognition. Sarah Fischer, Gail Gegg and Terrie Sato volunteered to participate.

—A goal for 2011 is to produce job descriptions for each event and post them on the web where everyone can see them. Everyone was asked to think about our annual donation to charity/research. Do we want to give \$1,000 as we have in the past? More? Split or donate it all in one place?

—There was also discussion about having speakers at membership meetings or at the specialty and about what kind of topics.

—The next meeting will be at the hotel again on March 23. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45. Respectfully submitted, Nina Mann, Secretary.

March board meeting minutes

March 23, 2011, Hilton Garden Hotel, Issaquah. Present: Ron Perry, Jill Mahoney, Gail Gegg, Nina Mann, Bea Ferguson, Sarah Fischer, Brenda Hubbard, Franna Pitt, Terrie Sato, Nancy Harney, Stephanie Harris, Mary Jane Sarbaugh. Guests: Jennifer and Cash Hajny. Tamarina Hartman, Liz Moir.

President Ron Perry called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.. He asked for a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Secretary: No correspondence this month. Franna reported receiving correspondence from AKC requesting parent club approval and a statement of compliance. Franna and Gail will submit both.

Treasurer: Bank Accounts Total \$16,533.80, including both the Juniors Fund and special Rescue funds.

Acknowledgments: Thanks to the crew that did the Meet The Breed at the Seattle Kennel Club show, to all the volunteers at the booth, to Brenda for signing them up, and to Travis for all his help with set up. Thanks to Liz Moir for all her work on the membership, to Stephanie and Sarah for the new web site, to Stephanie for compiling the survey which was answered by 39 members and 10 non-members, and to both for getting the 5-series and WC entries on line and to Jill for arranging the meeting place.

New members: Kathleen Ball, Bellingham, sponsored by Kim Dotson and Liz Moir; Robin and Kevin Culver, Custer, sponsored by Barb and Don Ironside; James and Cara Lindsay, Pullman, sponsored by Jill Mahoney and Stephanie

Harris; Marya Sessions, Medina, sponsored by Liz Moir and Nina Mann; Erna and Glenn Slingland, Reno, NV, sponsored by Sarah Fischer and Stephanie Harris

5-Series: Is being chaired by Liz Gibson and Liz Skillingstad. Judges will be Pat Murphy and Ron Perry, Susan Bell and Doug Gallucci for the adults. Puppies and the WC will be judged by Cindy Meyer and Liz Skillingstad. The Board approved the slate of judges. It is very difficult to get ducks. Ron has secured 100 pigeons and will try to bring some ducks back from Oregon.

Spring Hunt Test: One of the judges had to cancel. Ron will look for a new Senior/Junior judge.

Seattle Kennel Club: The new location for our booth was very successful and our Seattle Kennel Club contact was pleasant and very accommodating. Brenda ended up with lots of volunteers and the feedback from the booth was very positive.

Specialty: There will be two Obedience and Rally rings on Saturday, with the non-regular classes scheduled then and only one ring on Sunday. The new titling classes will be offered this year.

2012 Specialty: Linda Maffett will chair the 2012 Specialty with Jill Mahoney as co-chair. The location will remain in Enumclaw. This year's chairs will share the details of the contract with them.

June match: Stephanie and Sarah will chair the match. We need to get chairs earlier next year.

Agility: Cheri Levine will present the Agility budget next month.

Ethics Review Committee: Stephanie will put an article in the newsletter and on

the chat list to involve as many members as possible in the discussion.

—The committee formed to discuss recognition of event chairs has expanded their purpose to include discussion of judges' gifts. Jill will report next month. —Our support of the Rainier Sporting Dog Show by donating trophies was enthusiastically received. We will not be responsible for ribbons, class prizes or sweeps money.

—The Breeders List does not match the web site. Stephanie and Liz will reconcile it. Liz reported that many members say they have had no contact from anyone in the club until the request to renew their membership. A discussion ensued on how to encourage new members to join in activities, how to help them find the chat list. It was suggested that sponsors should stay in touch with the new members to help them feel included.

—Ron asked if the Board wanted him to order new business cards. A motion was made to order new cards with only the web site and rescue information. Motion Carried and Sarah went on line to order them.

New Business: Mentoring will be on the agenda for the upcoming membership meeting. Liz suggested having members from each area (Agility, Field, etc.) get in touch with new members. MJ will call all the new members who have joined since January and invite them to the membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Braggs

CAN. CH. Mainland Catch Me A Sailor, JH, RN, WC, CGC – Rally Novice Obedience Title earned on January 16, 2011!

Sailor has earned PSLRA's All Around Award with his versatility Titles in Conformation, Hunt and Obedience.

Loved, trained and owned by Kristin and Andy Smith of Seaside Labradors.



I took this snapshot of our old great grandma girl, Jazzy. This is a new take on a down/stay command. Jazzy likes to lie on her back, and my husband told her to "stay"! Jazzy has her CD title, so she stayed in this position while we watched evening TV. It looked hysterical!

Picture of Can./Int. CH. Cinderhill Cougar Creek Jazz, Am./Can. CD, CGC—Submitted by Cecilie Drege.



Cougar Creek Ima Tango Two (Karma) was WB/BOW/BOB/group 2, at Oceanside KC in BC March 24. Karma, was bred by/handled, and is loved by Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labradors.

Can. CH. Cougar Creek Ima Tango Two, Karma, finished her Can. CH. at her second day showing at the Oceanside KC shows, in BC, going WB/BOS. Karma was proudly bred by/handled by Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labradors.

Winroc Racey Rosalie, Rosie, AX, MXJ, OF, RN, EAC, O-EJC, NATCH-Tunnelers, O-WV-E, TG-N, HP-N, NCC, P1SNK, P1GAMB, Pet Partner attended the first Canine Noseworks Trial in the Pacific Northwest in Vancouver, Wash. on March 19. She passed three of the four search elements and had a great time. Of the 80 dogs that trialed Saturday or Sunday, there were five Labradors and two Labrador Mixes, three of whom obtained their NW1 title by passing all four search elements on the same day. The first place dog on Sunday was a Labrador.

On March 25, Rosie and Winroc Walking on Air, Corey, OA, OAJ, NAC, NJC passed the odor recognition tests in Birch (Corey), Anise (both dogs), and Clove (Rosie), qualifying them to enter upcoming Noseworks trials.

Both the trial and odor recognition test were sanctioned by the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW). Visit their website if you want to learn more about this fun new sport!

Rosie and Corey's teammate in Noseworks is Kate Schottman.

WindyCanyon Labradors is celebrating its fifth generation CDX titled girl! At just 2 years old, Envy finished her Open obedience title at the Overlake Collie Club trial at Argus Ranch with a score of 191.5, just one point out of first place. Her other two Qs were with first and third places last summer/fall. She is now WindyCanyon's Envy CDX RA. She will now focus more on hunt tests and agility. Envy is owned, bred and trained by Anne Swindeman.



Snoline E Sweeter Than Jazmin, NAP, TGN, TNN earned her AKC Novice Standard Preferred Agility Title at the Evergreen Afghan Hound Club Agility Trial on January 16, 2011. Jazmin placed second, second, and first in her three qualifying runs and I am very proud of her! This is her third Agility Title as she also completed her NADAC Novice Tunnelers and Novice Touch N Go Agility Titles in 2010. Jazmin is loved, trained, and owned by Annette Kuhls.

LOVE THAT DOG!

Do you have a favorite dog story that others would enjoy? Just send it to the editor and it will be shared with all PSLRA dog lovers.

That Dog, He Really Likes Me!

by Chris Roth

8-Ball was the dog who taught the neighbors' children, and their children, that big, black dogs are nice. "He likes us!"

8-Ball was the dog who had company every Sunday morning at the back gate when a woman in her 70s walked several extra blocks on her way to church so that she could visit with him. "I think he likes the company."

8-Ball was the dog who taught the belligerent biker next door that he could actually have a friend. "Him and me, we're buddies."

8-Ball was the dog who helped me survive the trials of widowhood. He was always on my side.

When I first met him, he was nearly 12 weeks old and came galloping across the breeder's property to waggle his whole body at the carload of strangers who'd just arrived. "He liked us." As soon as we entered the yard I gave him a pat and he raced off to leap into the plastic wading pool near the front door to stretch out happily with his hind legs frog like behind him, tail still wagging.

I'd seen dozens of black Lab puppies that day but could remember only one when I returned home. He moved into my life the next day.

Several weeks later I had a date—a very strange, even frightening, thing after 25 years of marriage—and I carefully prepared the house for the pup's comfort and safety in my absence. Two infant gates were installed making the kitchen his home for the evening. Just before my date was due, I took 8-Ball to his home and shut the gates. He didn't whine or bark as I walked away from the last gate. He simply climbed over the top and ran excitedly to me, wondering, I suppose, if I had planned any other games for him to enjoy. At least I began that date laughing and relaxed. (And came home to some well chewed books and wall board.)

8-Ball was the friendliest, most secure and quietly self confident dog I'd ever known, (until I met the sire of my current lab.) He was reared by a legacy dog, Chica, probably a shepherd/coyote mix, who came to us when my dad died. She was a strange and wonderful creature who took no nonsense from the pup that soon grew to twice her size.

Some years later when Chica became totally deaf, 8-Ball was the dog who herded her in from the yard when I called and made sure she didn't miss a meal, leading her to her bowl before he touched his own food. 8-Ball was also the dog who herded the new puppy, Wombat, away from good furniture and the garden plants. I guess he liked other dogs.

8-Ball was the dog who could put his head and front legs on the sofa to say hi and suddenly have his whole body on my lap with no detectable movement.

8-Ball scared me half to death the first time he saw a river and leapt from the 15 foot bank without breaking stride. He again brought panic to my heart when I realized I'd left the back gate open after work. I found him only four houses away, playing ball in the street with the neighborhood kids. He liked them—and they said he was a pretty good fielder.

8-Ball was the dog who lived to retrieve in salt water and loved to please my elder grandson so much that he dove down several feet to retrieve a large rock that the little demon had thrown in the bay.

8-Ball was the dog who elicited the same comments from everyone he met, from passing stranger to family member: "He's my buddy; that dog really does like me."

8-Ball is the dog whose photo hangs on my living room wall. When 8-Ball died at 12 and a half, my two year old grandson told me where 8-Ball had gone. "See that picture, Grandma. 8-Ball went in there so that he could always watch us because he loves us so much."

He was bred in Jane Paton's kennel many years ago, but 8-Ball will live in my heart forever.



Because 8-Ball was so loving and lovable, he had a hard time believing that he couldn't sleep in the bed. He never gave in without trying very hard to be so cute that I'd give in.

Application deadline April 15

Scholarship Criteria and Process

Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association 2011

1. Applicant must be a member of PSLRA or a child or grandchild of a current member, and must be a current high school senior.
2. Applicant must have volunteered at one or more PSLRA events.
3. Applicant must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. If the GPA is less than 2.5, and there are extenuating circumstances, the scholarship application must be accompanied by a letter from the applicant’s sponsoring PSLRA member explaining these circumstances.
4. The completed application will include a 200 to 300 word single-page essay describing how Labrador Retrievers have impacted the applicant’s life.
5. The scholarship for 2011 will be awarded in the amount of \$500 and is to be used for post high school educational activities.
6. The application must be received by April 15, 2011.
7. Applications should be sent to:
 Kathy Gibson
 PSLRA Scholarship Chair
 732 20th Ave. West
 Kirkland, WA 98033
8. The scholarship winner will be announced in the June 2011 PSLRA newsletter.

Scholarship Application—Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

PSLRA Sponsor _____

Relationship to Sponsor _____

High School _____ Current GPA _____

Please indicate the PSLRA event (s) where you have volunteered, and what you did as a volunteer:

What are your plans after graduation?

On a separate page, attach a 200-300 word essay describing how Labrador Retrievers have made an impact on your life.

Cruising with Cranberry

Several weeks ago, I promised to write about my Mexican cruise accompanied by my Guide Dog, Cranberry. We had a wonderful trip, but I have to admit, the best part was just being with my family, our two sons, their wives and three children, our grandchildren. We saw lots of interesting places, did some really fun things and made wonderful memories.

Cranberry did pretty well. I got Cranberry to relieve readily in the box that was provided for her. It worked out well and I will follow the same procedure if I ever cruise with her or another dog, again.

Guiding me through the crowded ship was pretty difficult for Cranberry. She had to know how to get around all the people and keep in mind everything she had to do to keep me safe. There were lots of little threshold-like places on the floor where two carpets came together or in doorways. Cranberry stopped for every one so I could check out what it was with my foot before telling Cranberry to move forward. Cranberry also had to deal with food on the floor, especially in the restaurants and other eating locations. That was difficult for a Labrador Retriever with an always-present empty stomach! However, Cranberry was able to leave things that she found on the floor alone, so I was happy about that. There were stairs and elevators and the stairs proved to be a bit of a challenge for me. I caught my heel on one of the stairs and almost took a fall. Luckily, I caught myself, let go of Cranberry's leash and grabbed the railing with both hands.

I put words to several locations where I wanted Cranberry to take me without having to give her a command for every turn. Cranberry learned how to find our

room, as long as we were on the right floor of the ship, with just one or two tries. She would find her 'box' which she pottied in. She could find the last chair, which I had sat in when I said, "find my chair." She did this in the restaurant when I had to leave the table briefly and then wanted to return. She was able to find a restroom when I asked her to do that and she (always) took me to the right one! Cranberry would follow anyone who I told her to follow or she would distinguish between people if I asked her to 'follow Jack' (my husband) or 'follow Doug or



Cranberry with guide dog puppy.

Aaron,' my sons. I think I mentioned that Cranberry was following this woman who was turning around and facing Cranberry and saying 'follow me doggie' when she actually ran into the wall! There were few long, straight walkways for Cranberry to follow so she was constantly zigzagging

this way and that to follow the hallways to different locations.

One day we took a shore excursion. We first were loaded onto a pirate ship and were entertained by the pirates. (The kids loved this!) When we got to our destination, we were put in these little tender boats to take us onto the beach. Cranberry rode just fine and when we were to the beach, one of the pirates just picked her up and carried her to the sand. I waded in with the water just below my knees. Here we found a quiet place on the

beach, let Cranberry off leash and played fetch with her Frisbee. She had a blast retrieving in the sand and from the water! She loved every minute and with every retrieve, begged for more. Finally, I decided she had enough and I showered the salt water off of her, dried her as best as I could and then sat on the warm beach with her. We had a great time just listening to the waves on the beach and watching the kids play in the sand and, their favorite, hunt for buried pirate treasure. The kids found the treasure — chocolate pieces wrapped in gold wrappers. About mid afternoon, we had to get back on the tender and out to the pirate ship to return to our ship, the *Norwegian Star*. Someone carried Cranberry out to the tender and I waded. We were both settled in the tender when Cranberry decided she hadn't had enough swimming and actually jumped out of the tender into the ocean! A pirate was right there, scooped her up and put her back in. After that, I held on her collar very tightly.

Another shore excursion we took was a bus and walking tour of Mazatlan. Cranberry was her perfect self and guided me very carefully around the cracks in the sidewalks and showed me every curb. She was allowed everywhere without question.

One thing I noticed was that there is no ADA in Mexico. They aren't required to have accessible buildings and it was pretty difficult in parts of Mazatlan. I guess we are spoiled here in the good ole USA!

Here's a very funny story about Cranberry and my 3 1/2 year old grand daughter, Katie. Katie just didn't quite understand that she couldn't pet Cranberry or interfere with her when she was working. I would have to remind her to leave Cranberry alone. "She's working" I would

say when Katie wanted to hug Cranberry or pet her. Finally, her mother decided to take Katie to the gift shop and get her a stuffed dog of her own. So Katie had her own dog and all went fine until she took her dog out into the foyer. "Would you like to pet my dog?" she would ask everyone and hold it up as high as she could. When the person said yes, just to amuse a three and a half year old, Katie would draw the dog back under her arm and say, 'No! You can't! She's working!' We were cracking up and the other people

smiled, not really understanding the actions of this little kid.

Well, this has gotten much too long and I have more stories to share, but I will stop for now as it's getting late.

Take care my friends... Janine Prindle
Cranberry CGC CD RN RA RE



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Cornell study seeks puppies

Cornell is looking for a few good dogs!
(Actually puppies)

Do you have (or know of) a puppy less than 12 months of age that is occasionally lame in front or stands with its elbows tucked in? If yes, you should get him/her evaluated for elbow dysplasia.

Large-breed dogs like Labradors, Newfoundlands, and Rottweilers can suffer from forelimb lameness when they are puppies, which may result in a significant lameness later in life.

One of the more common causes of this disability is secondary to a bone chip

within the elbow joint called fragmented coronoid process, or FCP. The condition is a result of the ulna (one of the three bones that makes up the elbow) growing faster than the bones next to it, creating extra pressure in the elbow joint and causing the ulna to chip.

Dr. Krotscheck is conducting a study funded by a grant from the Morris Animal Foundation. Dogs with FCP under one year old are randomly assigned to have the traditional treatment (arthroscopic fragment removal) or a new method (arthroscopic fragment removal and ulnar ostectomy), and then followed for a year after surgery. This study covers all costs;

in other words, the study participants receive state-of-the art care for free. Twelve more dogs are required before Dr. Krotscheck will have any preliminary results. Drs. Margret Thompson, a lecturer in Radiology, Jeremy Rawlinson, PhD, and Rory Todhunter, professor of surgery are collaborators on the study.

For more information regarding this study or to make an appointment, Dr. Krotscheck can be contacted at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals (607) 253-3060 <tel:+16072533060> or at uk28@cornell.uk2

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 3/5/2011 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. 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 Jill if you need a Litter Listing form, to be used for ALL litters.**
 - All Breeders must update their litters each week with Jill Mahoney via email (mahoney@wwdb.org) 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 **Jill Mahoney, PO Box 7454, Covington WA 98042**.
 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 Jill Mahoney) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

LITTER NOTICE FORM (This information will also be available from Jill Mahoney)

Litter Born 09/27/2010 (1BM, 1BF Available)

Sire: Am Ch Devonshires Limited Edition WC
OFA25G, OFEL25N, Heart Normal, CERF 10/10
EIC Clear

Dam: Devonshires Ticketeeboo
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 6/2010

Contact: Christine Gamache 360-903-2683/ Allison Hillius

Litter: 3BM, 4BF, 2YM, 1YF
Email: cjoygamache@yahoo.com
Listed: 10/25/2010, 01/25/2011

Litter Born: 11/17/2010 (2 CM, 1 CF Available)

Sire: CH Skyfire's Oughta Be Haulin RN WC CGC
OFA24G, OFEL24N, OFA Heart Echo'd, EIC Normal,
CERF 9/10

Dam: Skyfire's S'more Fun
OFA28F, OFEL28N, OFA Heart Normal, Optigen Normal,
CERF 7/10

Contact: Stephanie Harris 509-929-5227

Litter: 6 CM, 2 CF
Email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com
website: www.skyfirelabs.com
Listed: 12/6/10, 01/25/2011

Litter Born: 11/27/2010 (3YM Available)

Sire: Cimarron Sam-I-Am Of Cougar Creek CD, RN
OFA24E, OFEL24N, ACVO 3/2010, OFA Heart

Dam: Skyfire Cimarron's Redy or Not
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 9/09, OFA Heart

Contact: Laura Steward DVM 360-731-9017 Days
360-978-4742 Evenings

Litter: 5YM, 1YF
Email: laura@cimarronfarm.com
Listed: 01/25/2011

Litter Born: 01/01/2011 (1BM, 1YM, 2YF Available)

Sire: Ch. Devonshire's Limited Edition
OFA25G, OFEL25N, ACVO 10/2010, OFA Heart

Dam: Ch. Cimarron Slippery Shoes
OFA26F, OFEL26N, ACVO 9/2010, OFA Heart

Contact: Laura Steward DVM 360-731-9017 Days
360-978-4742 Evenings

Litter: 2BM, 2YM, 3YF
Email: laura@cimarronfarm.com
Listed: 01/25/2011

Litter Born: 01/09/2011 (2BM, 1YM, 1BF, 1YF)

Sire: Ch. Mar-Moye Low Country Gullah CD JH RN
OFA24E, OFEL24N, ACVO 9/2010, OFA Heart Normal,
EIC Clear

Dam: Kelli And Erin's Licorice Surprise

OFA26f, OFEL26N, CERF 5/2010,

Contact: Elisa Stout (Falling Fowl Labradors) 253-222-7312

Email: elisastout1465@msn.com

Listed: 12/6/2010, 12/30/2010

Litter Born: 01/17/2011 (1CM, 3CF Available)

Sire: Kingsland's Super Cooper

OFA24E, OFEL24N, CERF, EIC Normal, CNM Clear

Dam: Damoiseaux's Everlasting Elsie

OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 7/2010

Contact: Teresa or Chris Damoiseaux 253-926-1035

Litter: 4CM, 7CF

Email: ctdamoiseaux@q.com

Listed: 12/30/2010, 01/25/2011

Litter Born: 01/24/2011 (2CM, 5BM Available)

Sire: Am Ch. Skyfire's Oughta Be Haulin RN, CGC, WC

OFA24G, OFEL24N, OFA Heart Echo, EIC Normal,

CERF 9/10

Dam: Spirit Full Of Grace

OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 9/2010

Contact: Laurie Weaver 206-919-7737

Litter: 1CM, 5BM

Email: Lweaverk9@smn.com

Listed: 2/20/2011

Litter Born: 02/15/2011 (1BM, 3BF, 2YM, 2YF Available)

Sire: Blackthorn Yellow Jacket O'Spiritwood

OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 4/2010, Heart Normal,

EIC Clear

Dam: Intl Ch Sher-Mi Eminent Joy of Aldebaran RN, CGC

OFA26G, OFEL26N, CERF 11/2010, Heart Echo Normal,

Patella Normal, Thyroid Normal, CNM Clear, Optigen

Normal, EIC Carrier

Contact: Debbie Milks 509 520-0796/509 529-7471 Eve

Litter: 1BM, 5BF, 2YM, 3YF

Email: rdmilks@charter.net

Listed: 03/05/2011

Litter Born: 03/05/2011 (4CM, 6CF Available)

Sire: Mallorn's Choco Latte RN

OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 3/2010, Optigen Normal,

EIC Clear

Dam: Int. Ch. Harbortop Finally RN

OFA24G, OFEL24G, CERF 9/2010, Optigen Normal,

EIC Clear

Contact: Nina Mann 360-629-7619

Litter: 4CM, 6CF

Email: harbortop@netzero.net

Listed: 02/20/2011

Litter Expected: 03/10/2011 (All Chocolates)

Sire: Kingsland's Super Cooper
 OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 8/2010, EIC Clear,
 CNM Normal
 Dam: Claddagh's Bella Isabella
 OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 8/2010, CNM Normal
 by parentage
 Contact: Teresa Meredith 253-845-1311 Days/Evenings
 Email: kingsland_labs@hotmail.com
 Website: www.kingslandlabradors.com
 Listed: 01/25/2011

Litter Expected: 03/15/2011 (Blacks and Yellows)

Sire: Buttonwood McIntosh (Ch. Pointed)
 OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 3/2010, ECHO Normal,
 Optigen Clear by parentage, EIC Normal
 Dam: *Can/Int. Ch Cougar Creek Takes One Ta Know One
 OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 12/2010, OFA Heart,
 Optigen Normal by Parentage, EIC Normal
 Contact: Cecilie Drege- *Major pointed in USA
 Email: Cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com
 Website: www.cougarcreeklabs.com
 Listed: 02/05/2011

Litter Expected: 04/05/2011 (Blacks and Yellows)

Sire: HRCH UH CH Kerrybrook's Vince MH
 OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 2/11, Heart Normal, Optigen
 Normal, EIC Clear, CNM Clear, OFA Thyroid Normal
 Dam: Wandermere Ms Molly JH
 OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 12/2010
 Contact: Deborah McCowan 509-710-7488/509-467-1008 Eve.
 Email: gregde@comcast.net
 Listed: 02/20/2011

Litter Expected: 04/05/2011 (Blacks and Yellows)

Sire: Ch. Gingerbred Celestial Thunder
 OFA24G, OFEL24N, Heart Echo Normal, Cerf 09/10,
 EIC Normal
 Dam: *Can Ch. Mainland's Catching The Dream At Karuna
 (major pointed) OFA24G, OFEL24N, Cerf 09/10
 Contact: Kristi Clark 253-946-5890 H, 253-709-8443 cell
 Email: kristiclark2001@yahoo.com
 Listed: 2/28/2011
 *pending notification from CKC

Litter Expected: 04/21/2011 (All Chocolates)

Sire: Ch. Venetians's Copy That
 OFA24E, OFEL24N, Heart Echo Normal, CERF 1/2011,
 Optigen Normal, EIC Normal,
 Retinal Dysplasia/OSD Normal
 Dam: Harlequin Romance At Sunnydaze
 OFA30G, OFEL30N, CERF 9/2010
 Contact: Linda Maffett 360 961-5269
 Email: sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com
 Listed: 03/05/2011

Litter Expected: 04/28/2011 (Chocolates and Blacks)

Sire: Ch. Venetians's Copy That
 OFA24E, OFEL24N, Heart Echo Normal, CERF 1/2011,
 Optigen Normal, EIC Normal,
 Retinal Dysplasia/OSD Normal
 Dam: Sunnydaze Memento
 OFA27E, OFEL27N, CERF 2/2011
 Contact: Linda Maffett 360 961-5269
 Email: sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com
 Listed: 03/05/2011

Other 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 and are on file with the Breeder Listing Chairperson.

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

Black Male 7 months (must be neutered)

Curly is a very sweet, happy, typical Labrador boy. He is crate trained, has been well socialized and is quite smart. Good with dogs, cats, kids, etc. Both parents have hip, elbow, heart, and eye clearances. Curly has no known health or temperament issues, is current on shots and de-worming, is micro-chipped and is ready to move to his forever home.
 Contact: Stephanie Harris 509-929-5227
 Email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com
 website: www.skyfirelabs.com
 Listed: 12/6/2010, 12/30/2010

Black Female 5 month (must be spayed)

Lily is a sweet, loving, and attractive girl. Both her parents have their Final OFA Hip and Elbow Clearances. Lilly is crate trained and has basic life skills, she gets along well with children and other dogs. She's an athletic girl with a strong desire to please. Lily is smart, loves water, to retrieve, and knows who has cookies!
 DOB 10/04/10
 Contact Shelah Frey at 425.466.6208
 Email: shelahfrey@comcast.net
 Listed: 2/05/2011

Black Female 1 year 3 months (spayed)

Great family pet! House broken, obedience trained. Started for hunt test. Zoe is a very loving, gentle dog. No health issues or temperament issues.
 Contact: Debbie Milks 509 529-7471
 Email: rdmilks@charter.net
 Listed: 03/05/2011



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