

# The Retriever Believer

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## President's Message

*August will be another busy month for our club. Here we are just a few days from our KISS and Specialty events. Everything is looking good except we still need ring stewards at the Specialty for conformation! Please contact Jill Mahoney if you can help.*

*Later this month is our Fall hunt test. Unfortunately, we won't be having a Master test this year as our judges have canceled. We will have double Junior and Senior tests and volunteers are always needed. Please contact Liz Gibson.*

*Our club continues to be a leader in the number, diversity, and quality of events we put on each year. It's exciting to see our Labs do so well in so many different areas. I love to see the successful rescues and the brags on our Facebook page as well as in our newsletter each month. With that said, I also want to congratulate those that don't always "win" or "pass." Even though it can be frustrating to not succeed at every event, there is so much fun to be had along the way. We have so many great people in this club. Participating, competing, or volunteering at events is a day well spent.*

*We have a breed and a club to be proud of!*

*Cheers! Kimberly*



**IMPORTANT DATES**

**August 1, 2, PSLRA Specialty, Jill Mahoney, Lizzie Moir**  
**August 19, Board Meeting, Shelah's house**  
**August 22, 23, Fall HRT, Liz Gibson**  
**September 27, Health Clinic, Nina Mann & Mary Jane Sarbaugh**

**Newsletter Information:****Publishing of an article or advertisement**

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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**

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## club business

# July membership meeting

July Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, 2015, via teleconference. In attendance were Diane Sullenburger, Jennifer Hajny, Kim Dotson, Nina Mann, Stephanie Harris, Brenda Hubbard, Jill Mahoney, Linda Maffett, Marlys Swanson, Sonya Dudder, and Tamaria Hartman.

**Officers Reports***President:* Kimberly Dotson – No report*Vice President:* Marlys Swanson – No report*Secretary:* Jennifer Hajny - Approval

received from AKC for Fall Agility test

*Treasurer:* Jill Mahoney - Information

available upon request

**Acknowledgements**

A big thank you to the following people: Cheri Levine for chairing the Agility Trial and all her helpers.

**Committee Reports**

*Rescue Report:* Right now, three Rescue Labs are in the process of being adopted. Currently, we have only CM Toby, age nine, fostered by Brenda and Gary Hubbard. BM Fivel, age 12, fostered by Kristin Tarnowski - brand new Lab foster home. Brenda asked for someone to help on PSLRA's FB page and Kristin stepped up to take Fivel when he was sickly, emaciated, and unable in his poor health to go through a neuter surgery at the Kent shelter. Fivel is being rehabilitated to gain weight, will then undergo being neutered and will be very adoptable. Thanks so much to Kristin!

*Specialty 2015:* Entries closed today-numbers look great. Stewards are desperately needed for conformation. Please contact Jill Mahoney to volunteer. There will not be port-a-potties ringside. Reminder to those with perpetual trophies: they need to be engraved before the show and returned. It's going to be super fun and everything is on track! No ringside set ups before 3:00 and the rings must be completely set up before any personal belongings are placed ringside.

*Fall Hunt Test:* Double Jr and Double Sr will be held. We are not having a Master Test at the August hunt test. We do not have judges for this level. Judges were confirmed but have backed out. The slate of Master judges is getting smaller and smaller. Might be beneficial to hold a hunt test seminar this fall with the other clubs

in the area. Kim Dotson will look into this idea. Also, contracts need to be sent out to judges from the club, and communication with the hunt test people and the BOD needs to approve.

*Health Clinic:* Everything is on track.*Fall WC:* Date for the Fall WC needs to be changed due to an All-Breed show.

Kim will look for a new date and report back to the club.

*Fall Agility Trial:* Approval was received*Tracking Test:* Everything is on track*Christmas Party:* It will be held at Julie's place again this year in December. Nina and Bea are chairing this event.**NOTE!**

All Event Chairs **MUST** submit a budget to the BOD for approval prior to the event.

All event Judges need to be approved by the BOD.

**Old Business**

—Field Equipment Chair Needed: Please contact Kim Dotson if you have ANY interest at all in chairing or helping in any way.

—Officers for 2016: Please be thinking about whether you might want to run for a club officer position. Nominations will be taken this fall, so watch for more information.

**New Business**

—Match Trailer: Titles to trailers - Jill took care of it. Match Trailer needs to be "spruced up" and MJ has volunteered her time to do this after the specialty.

—Moving the Match: Some people have suggested that the match be moved to the Thursday night of the Specialty to help boost entries and keep costs down. Pros and cons were discussed about moving it to the date to the specialty. Perhaps moving the event to an earlier date would be a better move, rather than later in the summer. It was also suggested that we might consider all-breeds to enter, including junior showmanship! Topic was tabled until next Board meeting.

—Late Fees to AKC: Hunt test paperwork was not submitted in a timely manner due to difficulty in finding judges.

Chairpersons need to be aware of deadlines and let Jill know so that she can get fees paid on time.

—Regroup on Club spending: ALL SPENDING OF CLUB FUNDS FOR

EVENTS NEEDS TO BE APPROVED BEFORE MONEY IS SPENT!  
Budgets need to be improved by the BOD. The way that judges travel arrangements are made needs to be revised as well. Please be mindful when getting ready for events when purchases need to be made.

—Breeder's List Update: Some club members have been asking why they have been removed from the breeder's list, and questioning if money is going to be refunded. Emails were sent to those on the list that were removed. Jill will be given a list of those who were removed and refund their money. Also, information will be

updated for incorrect information on the breeders list.

—Membership Meeting at Specialty: Please plan on attending the dinner and membership meeting Saturday evening at our Specialty. It will be short and sweet.

—COE revote: The COE will stand as is.

—Next Meeting: August 19 at Shelah's House

Adjourned 8:20

## 2015 All-Around & Versatility Awards

It looks as if we will have a very low year for awards! I only have two applications for All-Around recognition and none for Versatility. I am sure there are many more lurking out there, so please get your paperwork in to me.

As many of you know, we don't close the award application submittals at the end of the year. We close them on the date of advertising closing for the LRC National catalog so we can brag about our accomplished members in that catalog.

This year the closing date is in late August, so I need to have all your paperwork very soon! If you are new to the Club, the requirements for the awards as well as the application are on our PSLRA web site. Please fill out and send to me together with copies of your title certificates. You need only send the latest AKC certificate. For example, if you have an AKC championship, an AKC CD, and you get an AKC JH – that last certificate will have the other titles included so only send one piece of paper. If you have an International championship, I know you probably won't have your title certificate as that takes about eight months or longer to come from Germany. Your cards from the shows are perfectly acceptable. You can email copies, no postage required.

While you are on our web site printing out the application, take time to look at the list of previous award winners. We are a very accomplished club!

Nina Mann, [harbortop@netzero.net](mailto:harbortop@netzero.net)

*Bruce*

Waterdog's Bayou Detective, aka Eli, passed his fifth Senior Hunter leg at the Rose City Hunt Test on the 4th of July and earned his Senior Hunter title. Eli is owned, trained, and handled by Nancy Harney. On to Master—yikes!



Chip - Mykiss Chips' Ahoy has had a great July so far while taking time out from his JH training to attend a few shows. At the RCLRC Specialty under Judge Clare Senfield, Chip was Reserve Winners Dog in the 12-18 month class. Then we headed North to the LRCC Regional and the Sporting Dog Spectacular of B.C. Under Judge Bruce Fraser, Chip was Best in Sweepstakes, and under esteemed judge Dr. Michael Woods, he was Winners Male and Best of Winners. Saturday under Judge Yvonne Savard, he was Winners Male, Best of Winners and Best of Breed from the classes over 10 Specials. Chip earned the required 10 points for his Canadian Championship in just two days, but needs to win under three judges, so he still has work to do.— Owned, handled, and dearly loved by Tamaria Hartman. Bred by Tamaria Hartman and Jessica Smith.



Laeahi, AM GCH/Can CH Misty Mountain Diamond Head Hula Girl, CD, RN, BN, WC earned her fourth Junior Hunter wing and her title in her fourth test run at the RCLRC test July 5. Laeahi is bred by and co-owned with Anthony Leitao and Lorraine Yu. Paris, Can CH Koa's Hilton Waikoloa, RN, BN, WC, also earned her fourth Junior Hunter wing and her Title in her fourth test run at the RCLRC test July 5. Paris is bred by myself and co-owned with my daughter, Kawai. Chantel Nahoopii

# Brawls

Int. Ch. Winroc Winsome Winifred, BN, RA, TDX, WC, CGC, earned her VST title on Sunday, June 21 at the Chuckanut Dog Training Association's test in Bellingham, Wash. The VST title also gives Winnie her Champion Tracker title and puts her in a very select group of dogs. Winnie is actively being shown and has legs on her CD, RE, JH and NF titles.

Winnie's tracking record is exemplary. She passed the TD and VST on her first try; TDX on her second. Owner, Dave Lawniczak trained and handled her to the TD - a wild ride! After which I took over her training. Breeder, Lee Foote, handled her to a smooth TDX victory at the 2013 LRC National, when neither Dave nor I could do so. I handled her to the VST.

The weather in the Pacific Northwest has been extremely hot and dry. Conditions during the test echoed that - hot and dry. The non-watered "grass" surface was hard and crunchy, the "brown butch-cut cement" that Sil refers to below. Winnie worked hard over 35 minutes to complete the 617 yard track, and interestingly, seemed to find the scent on the non-vegetated surfaces easier than on the vegetated surfaces. We spent a lot of time in the various bushes, though! Those bushes really grab and hold the scent. The thing I remember most about the track - besides getting the LAST ARTICLE! - was catching sight of the judges and seemingly HUGE gallery about 50 yards back watching us work the final plaza just before Winnie finally solved the puzzle of which way to go.

Here is what Judge Sil Sanders had to report about Winnie's track:

*"The fourth dog was a Labrador Retriever bitch. Their starting lawn is well described as brown butch-cut cement as mentioned above. The dog searched the start area then started out at a 45 degree angle to find some scent on the guy wire stakes of a tall antenna. She worked wide of the first leg, found and committed to the second leg before finding the scent hanging on nearby bushes more attractive. From there she cut the next asphalt and cement area where she found an article. Ahead was another turn back onto dry lawn but she went wide out into a not-busy street before coming back to find scent hanging on the bushes to the side of the track and the building on the other side. She continued down this long leg using the bushes and the walls of the buildings to follow that leg with conviction finding another article along the way. Finally down to the last corner, she searched before coming back near the corner and keeping her nose down followed the track across several transitions before entering a small plaza filled with cement planter areas and swirling winds. She knew the final article was in there somewhere and did an exhaustive search before finally moving in the correct direction a third time to find the #4. New CT Winroc Winsome Winifred BN RA TDX CGC with her handler Franna Pitt. Franna was particularly impressive because she focused on and moved with her dog smoothly, never second guessing the somewhat unorthodox path her dog was taking to follow this track and never pushing her dog in any direction."*

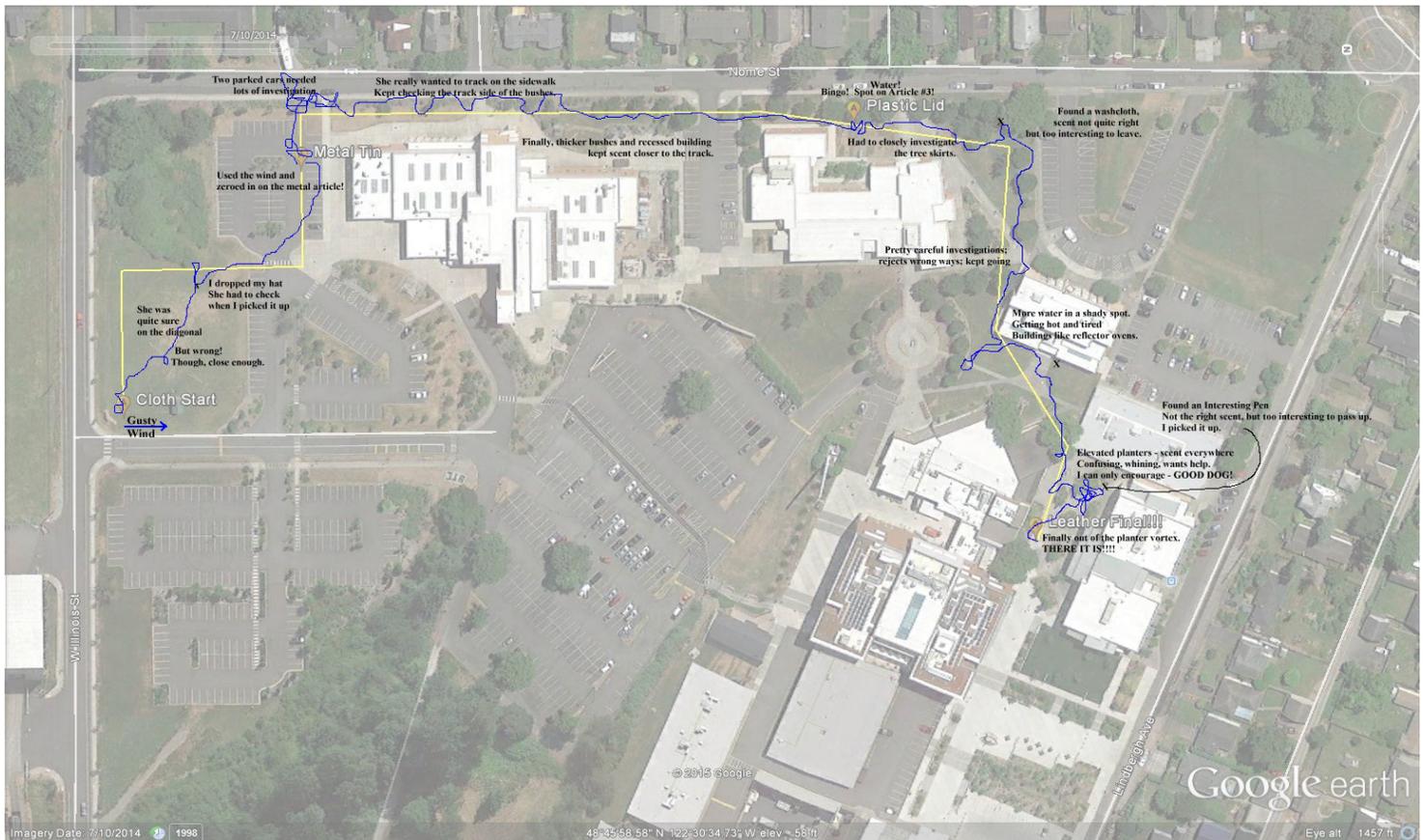


Winnie bounces for joy.



Winnie with Judges and proud owner. The course is shown below.

Below is my rendition of the track overlaid onto Google Earth image. The "Water" notes are where I gave Winnie water to drink. The gallery was approximately at the "X" for water when I caught sight of them.



## 2015 PSLRA Health Clinic

In this newsletter on page 9 is the flier for our annual Health Clinic. Again this year everything can be done with cheek swabs - no more blood draws!

**EYES: ACVO:** Dr. Sullivan will be coming as always and performing his scheduling miracles to get through 100 dogs in one day. To help with this, we do restrict the eye exams to Labradors except for club members who have other breeds they would like checked. We also will only accept litters of puppies if there is room at closing. You can notify us if you have a litter you want checked, but no guarantees that there will be room. The fee for each dog is \$31.

**OPTIGEN:** We are no longer offering the 20/20 Optigen Clinic. As so many members have already tested their dogs, we have been unable to get 20 people signed up. To do this test, go directly to Optigen's website. From time to time Optigen offers Discount Days on their calendar that give you the same discount as attending a 20/20 clinic.

**HNPk:** Hereditary Nasal Parakeratosis. HNPk is an inherited skin disorder observed in Labrador Retrievers. The first symptoms of hyperparakeratosis appear at the age of six months to one year of age and present as crusty scales on the nose pad. Occasionally painful fissures may also occur, leading to chronic irritation and inflammation of nasal skin. Optigen offers this test for \$120, less the discount for online registration. If there is interest in this test, we may also be able to offer it through Paw Print Genetics at a lesser fee.

**DILUTE:** The dilute test to help combat the silvers in the breed is offered by DDC. If we send in five or more tests, the fee is \$48. We will have forms and swabs available at the clinic.

**HEARTS:** Dr. Woodfield will be performing his heart exams in a quiet room away from the main examining room. Please be as quiet as possible outside this room. This year he is again doing both auscultation and ECHO examinations. Please go to the OFA site and preprint your form for his signature. Fee is \$35 for Auscultation and \$175 for exams with ECHO. Please, there will not be time for extended consultations - - those will need to be scheduled at his private clinic in Lynnwood.

**CNM-Centronuclear Myopathy:** CNM in Labrador Retrievers is a recessively inherited muscular disease, a disease previously known as Labrador muscular myopathy. The condition is characterized by early onset muscular problems such as awkward gait, fatigue, and difficulty eating. Affected puppies begin displaying these problems within a few months after birth. The test offered here is based on the mutation discovered in France at the Alfort School of Veterinary Medicine. As with other recessive diseases, animals with two copies of the mutation will be affected and display symptoms, animals with one copy are carriers, and no copies are clear. Mary Jane will fill out your form from your information on the flier. Go to [www.labradorcnm.com](http://www.labradorcnm.com) to learn more about this condition. The fee is \$50.

**EIC:** Exercise induced collapse. Signs first become apparent in young dogs - usually between five months and three years of age. Littermates and other related dogs are commonly affected but depending on their lifestyle they may or may not manifest symptoms. Affected dogs exhibiting symptoms of collapse are usually described as being fit, muscular, athletic specimens of their breed with lots of drive. Some of the dogs appear to be uncoordinated. Some dogs appear to have a loss of balance and may fall over. Please visit the EIC site and preprint and fill out the form. Put YOUR email address in the results area and fill in your own vet's name and address so that they will get the mailed results instead of the vet who will be at the clinic. <http://www.vdl.umn.edu/servicesandfees>. The fee is \$65.

**MICROCHIP:** The club has Trovan ISO microchips if your dog has not already been micro- chipped. These chips have a prepaid enrollment with AKC/CAR. You just need to fill out the paperwork and we will mail it in. Fee for chip and enrollment is \$20. Bring your dog's registration number and your vet's name and address.

Questions? Nina Mann ([harbortop@netzero.net](mailto:harbortop@netzero.net)) or Mary Jane Sarbaugh ([labsix@whidbey.com](mailto:labsix@whidbey.com))



**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 6/30/2015 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](mailto: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 Listings:****Litter born: May 26, 2015****Available: 1 CF**

Sire: Alibi's Repeat Performance@ Quail's Run  
OFA 24G, OFEL24N, LR\_EYE 10/2014

Dam: Taylor Creek's B Swift  
OFA33G, OFEL33 N, ACVO 1/2015, EIC -CBP, Cardiac  
Echo Normal, PRA Carrier

Litter: 6 CF, 4 CM

Call: Kari Audette: (DAY) 425-765-8821  
(EVENING) 425-765-8821

Email Address: [kariaudette@yahoo.com](mailto:kariaudette@yahoo.com)

Listed: June 26, 2015, updated 7/24

**Litter due July 6, 2015**

Sire: GCH Nipntuck Chasin' Fame  
OFA26E, OFEL26N, Cardiac Normal 2013, ACVO  
7/2014, EIC clear, PRA-CBP

Dam: Can/Am Ch Mainland's Catching the Dream at Karuna,  
BN RN WC CGC, OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 9/2014,  
Cardiac Normal, EIC Carrier, CNM clear

Litter: All blacks expected

Call: Kristi Clark (253) 709-8443

Email: [Kristiclark2001@yahoo.com](mailto:Kristiclark2001@yahoo.com)

Listed: June 20, 2015

**Litter due July 6, 2015:**

Sire: GCH Cambria's Gratitude  
OFA LR-70 E, OFEL24N, Cardiac clear Echo, Optigen  
CBP

Dam: Northernrain's Serenading Lady Emma  
OFA 24Ex, OFEL24N, ACVO 7/2014, Optigen clear, EIC  
clear; Cardiac clear,

Litter: All yellow expected

Call: Stacey Gnyp (360) 820-2537

Email: [staceynyp@yahoo.com](mailto:staceynyp@yahoo.com)

Listed: June 28, 2015

(Neither parent tested for CNM)

**Older dog listings:**

Older Dogs listed do not need to conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics. Prospective buyers are encouraged to ask about the needs of these dogs and why the breeder/owner has decided to place them. Many of the dogs listed have basic obedience and are housebroken.

**Black Male****Neutered**

Fawnhaven One of A Kind JH RN CGC is a 6-year-old boy who would love a hunting home. Henry is too energetic for his 90-year-old owner, but would make a great companion for an active family seeking a loving hiking, retrieving, hunting friend.

Call Rose Goche: (360) 708-3945

Listed: July 6, 2015

## Renewed Membership

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Joined in 2001  
Kennel name: Cheshire



## Expanding Our Understanding of Exercise-Induced Collapse



**E**xercise-Induced Collapse (EIC) is a medical condition that occurs in a significant proportion of Labrador Retrievers. During an episode of energetic exercise, otherwise healthy dogs will suddenly experience limb weakness and fall down. Although most dogs recover quickly, within 30 minutes, severe episodes of EIC can be fatal. Dogs affected by the condition often experience numerous recurrences, although their gait and behavior return to normal between episodes.

In 2008, scientists made an enormous step forward in their understanding of the pathogenesis of EIC in Labrador Retrievers. They discovered that many dogs with the condition were homozygous for a mutation of the dynamin 1 protein (DNM1). DNM1 is an enzyme that had been linked to various cellular processes, and it made sense that a mutation would be associated with the symptoms of EIC. Soon, with the support of the AKC Canine Health Foundation, scientists were able to develop a test for the mutation, an enormous leap forward for dogs with EIC. Today, Labrador Retrievers with the dysfunctional form of the protein can be diagnosed via blood test with the condition known as DNM1-associated exercise-induced collapse, or d-EIC.

Once the test was available, however, it quickly became clear that the existence of the DNM1 mutation didn't explain all cases of EIC in the breed. Some Labrador Retrievers with EIC didn't have both copies of the mutation, others didn't have copies at all. Therefore, the scientists from the University of Minnesota and the University of Saskatchewan who had developed the test set out to determine if they could understand whether the EIC seen in dogs without the mutation was really the same condition as d-EIC.

In the March 2013 issue of the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*, those scientists published results suggesting that the two conditions might not be the same after all. Not only did dogs without the DNM1 mutation tend to be significantly older than d-EIC dogs at the time of their first collapse, the ways they collapsed also tended to be somewhat different. Dogs with d-EIC were more likely to experience a collapse starting in their hind limbs, and almost half experienced a collapse only affecting those limbs. In contrast, dogs without the mutation were extremely unlikely to only be affected in their hind limbs, and there was more diversity in which limbs were affected first. Another clear distinction between d-EIC and the type of collapse seen in dogs without the mutation was that dogs d-EIC were much more likely to be thinking and reacting normally at the time of a collapse.

If the type of EIC seen in Labrador Retrievers without the DNM1 mutation isn't the same as d-EIC, what is it? That's a good question, and one that scientists will continue to investigate. There's a good chance that it isn't a single condition at all, but that multiple disorders may actually be responsible for exercise intolerance in the breed.

### Publication:

*Relationship between dynamin 1 mutation status and characteristics of recurrent episodes of exercise-induced collapse in Labrador Retrievers*, Eva Furrow, VMD, DACVIM; Katie M. Minor, RN; Susan M. Taylor, DVM, DACVIM; James R. Mickelson, PhD; Edward E. Patterson, DVM, PhD, DACVIM; *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*, March 15, 2013, Vol. 242, No. 6, Pages 786-791. Dr. Eva Furrow, the lead author on this publication, was also selected as a 2014 AKC Canine Health Foundation Clinician-Scientist Fellow. See more at: <http://www.akcchf.org/research/success-stories/understanding-EIC.html#sthash.TWSLNdup.dpuf>

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*Dog Days of summer!*