

# THE RETRIEVER BELIEVER

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## President's Message

*Well, the time has come already for my final message as president of this great club. First off, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannakah, or whatever winter holiday or festival you celebrate. I hope that you are making plans to attend the Annual Awards Banquet on January 12 at the Muckleshoot Casino. See the newsletter for further details.*

*We are going to hit the ground running again next year. As I mentioned, January 12 is the banquet. One of the things that will be done will be the election of the club officers and board members for 2008. January 23 through 27 will be the Sportsman Show at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. We will be running our club booth once again and will be looking for plenty of volunteers to man it. Kristi Clark will be the event chair and more information will be forthcoming. This will be followed quickly by an Obedience/Rally Show-n-go on February 9 up at Country Classic Kennels in Arlington. Event Chairs for this event are Nina Mann and Jan Palumbo. More information will be forthcoming for this event as well.*

*I would like to take a moment to thank a few people who made my tenure a bit easier. Shortly after I was elected last year, I took a new position at work that reduced the amount of time that I was able to dedicate to club activities. Thanks (a lot!) to Stephanie Harris for stepping in and performing some of those activities and running meetings that I was unable to attend. Also thanks to Jan Palumbo and Ron Perry for taking on a few extra items to help keep things flowing smoothly. And finally, thanks to newsletter editor, Sarah Fischer. I don't think that I made a single deadline to her all year. Let's hope that the new President will do a better job of that than I did :)*

*I wish you all a Happy New Year and here's to an awesome 2008!*

*-Dave*



**IMPORTANT DATES**

**January 12 Annual Club Awards Banquet.** Jennifer Hajney  
blutopfarms@hotmail.com Last day to reserve is January 5.

**January 31 Membership Dues Deadline.** Chantel Nahoopii  
koalabs@msn.com

**January 23-27 Sportsman's Show, PSLRA Booth.** Kristi Clark  
kristiclar2001@yahoo.com check available time slots to represent the breed at this event.

**February 9 Obedience/Rally Show-n-Go.** Nina Mann  
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Newsletter Information:

**Publishing of an article or advertisement does not constitute endorsement or agreement by the PSLRA.**

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**Submissions must be received by the editor by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.** Please use "newsletter ideas" in subject line.

*The Retriever Believer* is published monthly by the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association in the interest of providing information and promoting the Labrador retriever. 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 other advertising of litters must comply with the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

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:  
**Chantel Nahoopii, Membership Chair**  
3413 Woodcrest Lane  
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284  
koalabs@msn.com

club business

# December board meeting minutes

December 16 all member meeting called to order by President, Dave Lawniczak. Individual attendee introductions were made around the room. No officer reports were given.

2008 Board Nominating Committee report given by chair Franna Pitt.

**Officers**

- President - Stephanie Harris
- Vice President - Terrie Sato
- Treasurer - Jill Mahoney
- Secretary - Ron Perry
- Board Chair - Dave Lawniczak

**Board members:**

- Jan Palumbo
- Jennifer Hajny
- Susie Sharp
- Kristi Clark
- Becky Jack
- Nina Mann
- Gail Gegg
- Lucy Isaacson-Logan

After the report was given, the floor was opened up for nominations. No further nominations were given so nominations were closed. M/S/V to accept nominations as given. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

## Membership Renewal Notice—2008

Dues are payable each year by January 31.

Checks should be made out to PSLRA and mailed to:

**Chantel Nahoopii, 3413 Woodcrest Lane, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284**

Please print plainly and send promptly!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country (if not USA) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Note: You will receive the monthly newsletter electronically unless you otherwise notify the membership chair.

Type of membership (circle one): Individual \$20      Family \$25      Junior \$10

New this year: \_\_\_\_\_ Breeder Advertising Fee \$15 (add to membership fee)

I am interested in the following types of events (circle choices):

- |         |         |           |          |
|---------|---------|-----------|----------|
| Show    | Field   | Obedience | Tracking |
| Hunting | Agility | Rally     | Therapy  |



# PSRLA Annual Membership Banquet & 25th Club Anniversary Celebration January 12, 2008, at the Muckleshoot Casino



Come celebrate with friends! Amazing food, fun games, and great prizes! It's a party you don't want to miss!



Social hour: 5 p.m.  
Dinner and Presentation of Awards: 6 p.m.

Questions and concerns should be directed to Jennifer Hajny—blutopfarms@hotmail.com or 509-962-8579

*(cut on line and mail in lower portion with check)*

PSLRA Banquet Reservation for-  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of club members attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of non-club members attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$29.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name and age of minors who are attending:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to PSLRA.** Mail forms and payment to:

Jennifer Hajny  
4451 Naneum Rd  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

**\*\*\*This is a commitment to pay reservation. Cancellations must be made by the 4th of January or you will be expected to pay whether you attend or not.**



## 2007 Holiday Party

This year's Holiday Party potluck was held at the Newport Yacht Club in Bellevue on December 16. Although held on a Sunday due to scheduling constraints, the turnout was positive. The venue provided a beautiful view of Lake Washington and a great place for a PSLRA gathering. Food was enjoyed, a general membership meeting was held and the highlight of the evening, as it is every year, was the gift exchange. Some fun, some tacky, some neat, and some fuzzy gifts were opened and then "stolen" by lucky dice rollers. The most popular gift this year? A warm and fuzzy plaid blanket. Changing hands nearly six times, the blanket was coveted by many and taken home by one. Thank you to Fred and Linda Walkley for hosting this event and thank you to all members willing to share their food and gifts with friends.



Left, Clarissa Foote enjoys her present, an animated black Labrador. This one was receiving her complete attention from the moment it was discovered. Below: Experienced partygoer Olivia Maffett knows exactly which gift she wants as she bounds back to her table for some unwrapping.



Top to bottom: A crowd of prospective present stealers eyes Ron Perry as he opens what looks like dog biscuits. This table looks like they are having a little "Two" much fun. Nothing can bring people out of their seats like a little game of Simon Says. Actually, this is the response Jill Mahoney received upon asking the crowd if they were ready to get the gift exchange started by drawing their order of pick numbers.

# In Case of An Emergency

Who would take care of your dog if you were hurt and unable to do so? To make sure vital information regarding your dog is easily accessible to others, take a few moments to fill out this emergency information sheet.

List two or three people as contacts in case of emergency. Include the contact's name address, and telephone number. Make sure at least one of the contacts has a set of your house keys.

You may also want your attorney to draft a written statement, which gives immediate custody of your dog to a designated individual with that individual's consent. Notify that individual of his or her responsibility, and put his/her name, address, and phone number on your emergency information sheet.

Attach a recent photo of your dog to the information sheet to help others locate your dog if it should wander off.

Put the information sheet on your refrigerator or other prominent spot in your house. You may also want to keep similar information in your wallet. If you are unable to care for your dog due to an accident or emergency, someone will be able to follow the instructions on the sheet to provide necessary care.

## Emergency Pet Information

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Microchip Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Diet: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication instructions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Location of food, dishes, biscuits, medication: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
The following people will care for my dog in case of an emergency:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Special instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Attach a recent photo of  
your dog here.

# AKC Championship 2007 Meet the Breed Booths

The LRC booth won first place in the sporting group for the best sporting breed booth in the “Meet the Breed” competition at the invitational. Best Booth in Show—Cairn Terriers.

## *Sporting*

1. Labrador Retrievers
2. English Setters
3. Cocker Spaniels
4. Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers

## *Hounds*

1. Black and Tan Coonhounds
2. Bloodhounds
3. Basset Hounds
4. English Foxhounds

## *Working*

1. Newfoundlands
2. Alaskan Malamutes
3. Mastiffs
4. Bernese Mountain Dogs

## *Terrier*

1. Cairn Terriers
2. Lakeland Terriers
3. Glen of Imaal Terriers
4. Parson Russell Terriers

## *Toy*

1. Cavalier King Charles Spaniels
2. Toy Fox Terriers
3. Papillons
4. Pugs

## *Non-Sporting*

1. Keeshonden
2. Dalmatians
3. Chinese Shar-Pei
4. Lhasa Apso

## *Herding*

1. Old English Sheepdogs
2. Border Collies
3. Belgian Sheepdogs
4. Australian Shepherds

## *Miscellaneous*

1. Dogue de Bordeaux
2. Pyrenean Shepherds



Left: PSLRA Junior Member Aaron Bradshaw participates in the Junior Handling competition at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship with Billy, Alibi's Billy the Kid SH, CD. Below: Solid crowds were on hand to watch the group ring making it difficult to see some of the action.



# Labrador Wins AKC ACE Award

Ranger, owned by Captain Kerry W. Foster of Shreveport, La., is an eight-year-old Labrador Retriever who began his work as a search and rescue dog for the Shreveport Fire Department in 2001. Ranger conducts approximately 40 search operations each year in Louisiana and parts of Texas and Arkansas, but perhaps Ranger and his owner Captain Kerry Foster's most memorable moment is the



time they served in New Orleans in the aftermath of the devastating Hurricane Katrina. Ranger searched 2,800 collapsed homes between March and July 2006. During this time they searched for victims' remains and made more than a dozen important recoveries. Despite injuries that Ranger sustained as a result of his hard work he was always eager to get back to his job.

Not long after Ranger's arrival in New Orleans, crowds began to gather to watch Ranger work. Contractors, FEMA personnel, firefighters and public officials gathered in the crowd. Ranger's enthusiasm and dedication to his task inspired those who came to watch him. Soon, FEMA began organizing groups of prominent officials to observe Ranger, and he was asked to perform demonstrations for White House officials and dignitaries. Captain Foster stated in his nomination, "Every time he goes to work it is

amazing to see him storm the woods or negotiate the rubble in search of those who have lost their lives to tragedy. When he boards a boat in search of a drowning victim... it is astounding to watch him pat the water to break the surface tension to release more scent."

## Membership

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# Take the Shot: Photographing the Labrador

Taking pictures of my dogs has been one of the most interesting and rewarding experiences of dog ownership. I began three years ago after bringing home my first puppy. What started out as a series of “oh, look how cute, he destroyed his toy and has fuzz coming out of his nose” quickly became “Travis, stack



him over there, the lighting is better and the colors of fall leaves are so pretty.” It was a transitional phase—I was no longer taking pictures of buildings, cityscapes and landscapes as I had been accustomed to doing. During this time I began to translate what I know about architecture and nature to our canine friends. Today, two of my hard drives are filled with thousands of canine pictures. What an adventure it has been in a short period of time. Through this process I have found many tools, tricks, and tips that I would like to share with the readers of *Retriever Believer*.

This article, the first of a short series, will focus on shooting puppy photographs for breeders, puppy buyers, and people who look forward to the LQ as crazed addicts look to the annual latest *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit Issue.

## Part 1 – Puppies

Not many of us have been able to avoid cooing at our friend’s photographs of beautiful Labrador puppies. Whether stacked for analysis or glossy calendar ready cutesy photos, these images can make a lasting impression. They hint at what a puppy may grow up to be and can even provide a glimpse into the mischievous behavior of an intelligent canine mind waiting to be unleashed. Puppy pictures are some of the most challenging for a photographer. Unlike their older, wiser versions, puppies have a tendency to be constantly on the move, they prefer to sleep in piles, relieve

themselves on carpets, and at any moment they could go through a phase of the uglies lasting so long there is not a

chance of taking any adorable photographs let alone tangible representations of their structure. Because of these constant changes, a photographer taking pictures of puppies has to be flexible and understand the puppy situation.

### Puppies on Tables

The general public does not tend to see the significance of stacking and will most likely rely on the breeder to explain what stacked photos are for. However, for a breeder or serious puppy buyer a stacked photograph of either a 6 week old or 8 week old puppy can be very telling. Many breeders put their good faith, hopes, and dreams in a puppy from what it looks like at those early points in development. It is an excellent idea to take consistent pictures of litters through the early growth phases.



Now, this is not an article about how to stack your puppies, evaluate them or select the best puppy. Instead let this article provide some tips on how to photograph your puppies for record keeping, web posting, and mass-emailing, thus allowing people absent from your puppy parties to provide more objective feedback and for you to look at the puppies frozen in time, from the comfort of your office chair. I assume that digital

cameras are being used. Another given is that it takes two people working their buns off to take pictures of puppies.

First of all, pretend the fabulous litter of six puppies raised by your favorite dam has been pitter-pattering around your house for the past two months and it is time for their tell-all puppy party. Where should the puppy party take place? If the weather is inclement, not many best friends are going to stand in a downpour to inspect puppies outside. Instead consider three places, barn, garage, or living room. Of these, I pick the living room. The warmth of your house is more hospitable to humans and provides a warmer place for your camera. Cameras do not like to be cold and wet. Lenses fog in the cold, little ball bearings in auto-



focuses freeze, and raindrops can fall on the lens causing blurred images. I suggest clearing the living room, setting up a grooming table and turning on all of the lights. Bring the puppies indoors packed in a crate and let them observe the formalities until a little later.

When taking stacked photographs of puppies try out the following tips:

1) Place a chair eight feet from the grooming table for the photographer. Have the same person take every picture of every puppy while comfortably planted in that chair. Do not let the photographer zoom-in on some puppies but not on others. What you want is for all of the pictures to be shot using the same aperture and distance. If needed, snap a few pictures of an older dog on the table to get settings right.

2) Take pictures of the puppies before letting the party put their hands all over them. Give photographer and helper ample time to set up each puppy, take two or three pictures of each puppy in the same position, then move on. A great way to do this is have the party stand back with the photographer to view the puppy at a distance then dive in and review when the pictures are done.



3) Choose the most capable person to stack puppies and the most capable person to take pictures. Everyone has their strengths and at most parties this can be figured out rather quickly.

4) If your kids are taking pictures, as is very common, consider taking the pictures before the puppy party arrives.

5) When taking pictures, keep the number of photos per puppy to a minimum and give yourself a mental picture of what a Labrador should look like, head erect, feet underneath, chest forward, etc. When the puppy strikes the pose, snap the shot. If using a point-and-shoot camera partially depressing the shutter button will allow the camera to focus and hold itself so that pictures can be taken faster without lag. By partially depressing the shutter button when the puppy is being set up, a photographer is in the ready position when the puppy is looking its best.

6) When looking through the lens, aim for the puppy's HEART. This cannot be emphasized enough. Instead of the head or back of a dog, the camera should be level with the heart. This will provide the most honest profile shot.

7) When taking several sessions of stacked pictures, try to take the pictures of puppies in the same order. Some breeders do this by doing head shots, then body shots on each puppy so that they are more quickly recognized and easier to sort when the pictures are back on the computer.

#### Calendar Photos

Now is the time to move past the formality of stacked photos for analysis and progress to the fun part, puppies at play, sleeping, and just simply being themselves. While a stacked photo shows structure, a more relaxed photo can help convey personality. Labradors have so much personality as puppies they just exude teddy-bear loveliness. Taking pictures of puppies casually is more difficult than stacked shots. There is much less control of what they can and will do.

As with all dog photography, these pictures require two people. In my experience kids have an amazing understanding of what these types of shots are about. They can put puppies into the most amazing positions!

Good puppy candids involve some basic parameters and foresight: time of day, location, props, and helpers. These things are critical to catching your puppies at their most intriguing moments. For Labradors, these puppy candids should almost always be taken outside, in whatever weather is happening at the time.

1) Puppy cuteness seems to be elevated in the mornings and late afternoons. Actually, morning and late afternoon offer the best light to take pictures, so look for drama-lighting opportunities.

2) As photographer, position yourself so that your back or side is to the sun and the subject, puppies, are able to face you. The old thought of not shooting the camera towards the sun is very important. If shooting in shade, put everything, puppies, camera, and props in the shade, too. This will help with the auto-white balancing on digital cameras.

3) Color and contrast. Find places to take pictures that contain rich colors and contrast. Green, blue, red, and purple backgrounds all make Labradors appear front and center. A concrete sidewalk would not be ideal for these types of photographs. Think Drama.

4) Labrador puppies do not need many props. They tend to waddle, fall, roll, sniff, and chew just about everything.

Nearly ANYTHING can be a prop, including kids. Some props will help to contain your wandering puppies: washbasins, wagons, wheel barrels, flower barrels, and baskets.

5) Keep the number of puppies in any photo at five or less. A litter of 13 may be fascinating, but a logistical nightmare. Odd numbers provide interest and harmony in photographs.

6) Get dirty. A photographer shooting puppies will need to crawl around on the ground and shoot at their level. Avoid taking pictures of puppies from the top down. Level or bottom up is best.

7) It is my humble opinion that 5 and 6 week old puppies make the best puppy candid subjects. They are roly-polly little packages with extra skin, fluffy downy fur, and they are not as mobile as they will be in a couple of weeks.

8) Do not be afraid to tell your helper(s) where you want the puppies "dropped" into piles or set up for poses but do not expect to get the perfect shot from a pose. Instead, let the pose happen. Take a ridiculous number of photos and choose the ones you like from your computer monitor later.



LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 12/16/07 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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, Penn Hip or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, 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 Jessica if you need a Litter Listing form, to be used for ALL litters.**
  - All Breeders must update their litters each week with Jessica Meadows via email (labradays@aol.com) 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 **Jessica Meadows 17910 37<sup>th</sup> Dr NE, Arlington WA 98223**
  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 Jessica Meadows) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

**LITTER NOTICE FORM (This information will also be available from Jessica Meadows)**

**Litter born 9/24/07**

(Available: 2YM)

Sire: Intl Ch Harbortop Rusty, RA  
OFA 31G, OFEL 31, CERF 9/24/06

Dam: Lunas Dream Hunter  
OFA 28G, OFEL 29, ACVO 7/17/07

Contact: Valerie Fawcett (509) 443-0836 (509) 869-8088 Cell

Litter: 6YF, 7YM

Email: [valeriefawcett@hotmail.com](mailto:valeriefawcett@hotmail.com)

Spokane, WA

Listed: 9/24/07, 11/10/07, 11/25/07

**Litter born 9/29/07**

(Available: 1BF)

Sire: CH Borador's By George  
OFA 26G, OFEL 26, CERF 9/26/06, Optigen Normal/Clear

Dam: CH Cimarron Slippery Shoes  
OFA 26F, OFEL 26 ACVO 6/17/07, OFA Heart

Litter: 3YF, 2BF, 2BM

Contact: Laura Steward, DVM (360) 731-9017 Day  
(360) 978-4742 Evening

Email: [laura@cimarronfarm.com](mailto:laura@cimarronfarm.com)

Ethel, WA

Listed 10/20/07, 12/2/07

**Litter Born 10/29/07**

(Available: 1CF, 1CM)

Sire: Can. Ch. Chablais Marcello  
OFA 25G, OFEL 25, ACVO 3/18/07 Heart normal Optigen Normal/Clear

Dam: Klasik Phaeton Of Cougar Creek  
OFA 24E, OFEL 24, CERF 9/24/06, OFA Heart

Litter: 3CF, 2CM

Contact: Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456

Email: [cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com](mailto:cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com)

Arlington, WA

Website: [www.cougarcreeklabs.com](http://www.cougarcreeklabs.com)

Listed: 10/3/07, 11/2/07

**Litter Born 11/12/07**

(Available: 1YF, 3YM)

Sire: Intl/Can CH Rocking M's Turbine Porter CGC  
OFA 26E, OFEL 26 ACVO 11/10/2007

Dam: Intl. CH Rocking M's String of Pearls  
OFA 24E, OFEL 24, ACVO 2/25/2007

Litter: 2YF, 4YM

Contact: Bryant & Cindy Meyer (253) 846-9583 (Home)  
(253) 318-2729 (Cell)

Email: [rockingmlabs@qwest.net](mailto:rockingmlabs@qwest.net)

Spanaway, WA

Listed: 11/20/07

**Litter born 11/15/07**

(Available: 2BM, 1BF)

Sire: CH Belgairn Tom Jones  
OFA Hips 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/2007, OFA Heart

Dam: Can CH Sunnysdaze It's All About Mee, JH  
OFA Hips 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/2007

Contact: Linda Maffett 360-061-5269

Email: [sunnysdazelabradors@hotmail.com](mailto:sunnysdazelabradors@hotmail.com)

Bellingham, WA

Listed: 11/10/07

**Litter Born 11/23/07**

(Available: 1YM)

Sire: Can/Intl CH Himoon the Duke at Clovercreek CD SH RN  
OFA 24G, OFEL 24 CERF 9/24/06, OFA Heart, Optigen Normal/Clear

Dam: Intl Ch Clovercreek Lit'l Annie Oakley JH  
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 2/25/07

Litter: 3YF, 5YM

Contact: Kimberly Dotson (253) 538-7972 Home  
(253) 278-1116 Cell

Email: [clovercreeklabs@msn.com](mailto:clovercreeklabs@msn.com)

Tacoma, WA

Listed: 9/25/07

**Litter Born 12/2/07**

(1BF, 1CF, 3CM, 1BM)

Sire: Am/Intl CH Belgairn Tom Jones  
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 3/20/07, OFA Heart

Dam: Blackpearls Herrah Lexus  
OFA 32G, OFEL 32, ACVO 5/8/07

Litter: 1BF, 3CM, 1CF, 1BM

Contact: Buffie Gonzales (360) 366-7203 Day (360) 201-8634 Cell

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

Lynden, WA

Listed: 10/30/07, 12/2/07

**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.*

**Yellow Male, 3 ½ years old**

**(neutered)**

3 1/2 year old yellow male. He is very affectionate and is well socialized to young children. A fenced yard is a must. He needs to be outside during the day to play and run.

Contact: Bob Gunther (360)765-0786 Home (206)782-8081 Cell  
 Email: [Bgunthers@aol.com](mailto:Bgunthers@aol.com) Quilcene, WA  
 Listed: 10/23/07

**Black Female, 11 months (will be spayed)**  
 11 month old black female (as of Nov. 2, 2007), very sweet, athletic, well socialized, crate trained, obedience work started, has been shown, very healthy, both parents have ALL health clearances.

Contact: Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456  
 Email: [cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com](mailto:cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com) Arlington, WA  
 Website: [www.cougarcreeklabs.com](http://www.cougarcreeklabs.com)  
 Listed: 11/21/07

## Braggs

Nick received a Judge's Award of Excellence at the AKC Eukanuba National Invitational Show in Long Beach on Dec. 1. **MBIS Am/Can Ch ShaRay's Nikolas of Whidbey JH RA CD.** Co-owners: Sharon Edwards & Ron Perry.

CAN.CH.CEDARWOODS MASTER FLT PLAN was second in the open yellow class at Whidbey Island K.C. Sunday under Dr.McGiven at just 23 months old.

**\*\* Correction** - The photo in the last newsletter of CAN.CH.CEDARWOODS MAGNIFICENT "HALLE" was incorrect - Pictured was CAN.CH.CEDARWOODS ALMOND ROCA DIVINE (JAM at the Canadian National Mrs. Marion Hopkinson). This month's photo, below, is of "Halle." Diann Sullivan-August, CEDARWOOD LABRADORS



**Black Female, 10 months (intact, must be spayed)**  
 Both parents OFA hips/elbows, Eyes, Heart clear. Crate trained, house broke, microchipped, basic commands, and started on pigeons. Gets along great with other dogs and cats.  
 Contact: Becky Tufts (253)582-1240  
 Email: [chuck\\_becky@hotmail.com](mailto:chuck_becky@hotmail.com)  
 Listed: 12/23/07

## 2007 AKC/ Eukanuba National

The agility gifts this year were quite spectacular, crystal bowls with engraved brass insignia.





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### **2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

January 12, Annual Awards Dinner and election of officers/board.  
January 23-27, Sportsman's Show, Puyallup, Chair: Kristi Clark  
February 9, Obedience/Rally Show-n-Go, Country Classic Kennels, Arlington, Chairs: Nina Mann & Jan Palumbo  
February 27, Board Meeting  
March 1, Field Fun/Training Day, Greenleaf's Farm, Monroe, Chair needed  
March 8-9, Club Booth at Seattle Kennel Club, Chair: Lucy Isaacson-Logen  
March 26, Board Meeting  
April 5, 5 Series & Working Certificate, Cherry Valley, Duvall, Chair: Terrie Sato, co-chair: Jill Mahoney  
April 23, Board Meeting  
May 3-4, Spring Hunting Retriever Test, Pepper's Farm, Carnation. Secretary: Nicole Nelson & Entry Express; Chair: Ron Perry  
May 28, Board Meeting  
June 14, AKC Sanctioned Breed & Obedience Match and Fun/Training Day, Location and Chair: TBD  
June 21-22, Spring Agility Trial, Sky River Park - Monroe, Chairs: Cheri Levine/Lisa Selthofer  
June 25, Board Meeting  
July 5, Rally, Agility, & Obedience Fun/Training Day, Location:TBD, Chair: Jan Palumbo  
July 23, Board Meeting  
August 1-2, AKC Licensed Labrador Retriever Specialty Show, Obedience Trial & Rally Trial, Tolt MacDonald Park, Carnation, Chair: Marlys Swanson, co-chair: Linda Maffett, Obedience/Rally Chair: Jan Palumbo  
August 20, Board Meeting  
September 6-7 - Fall Hunting Retriever Test, Pepper's Farm, Carnation. Secretary: Nicole Nelson & Entry Express; Chair: Ron Perry  
September 23, Board Meeting  
September 28, Health Clinic (Eye, Heart & Microchip), Cascade Kennels, Woodinville. Contacts: Nina Mann & Mary Jane Sarbaugh  
September or October, Fall WC, date and location TBD  
October 4-5, Fall Agility Trial, Argus Ranch Facility, Auburn; Chair, Lisa Selthofer  
October 22, Board Meeting  
November 2, Tracking test, TD & TDX, Bow, Wa. Co-chairs: Nina Mann & Jan Skewes  
November 22, Board Planning Meeting  
December 13, Holiday Party, Newport Yacht Club, Bellevue.  
Board Meetings, Fourth Wednesday of every month

*The PSLRA Events Calendar can be found online at <http://www.pslra.org/html/calendar.htm>*