

The Retriever Believer

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Spring Is Here, Renew...Refresh!



It's great to be alive, it's great to have a Labrador!

February has come and gone and the area is getting very green with the Spring showers. I hope in the coming year you will notice that we are not only improving on better communication, better follow-through, and better kindness but exceeding. We are always asking for feedback. Please don't hesitate to contact any board member or myself.

I hope you have taken the time to check out our new Website changes. It is amazing what may be accomplished with software tools, a little money, and about 1000 hours of someone's time. In the coming months, Cheri Wildes and Kristen Reiter will be highlighting a feature from the website in each newsletter. My favorite, so far, is the online volunteer sign-up option...which brings up the fact that PSLRA is in need of volunteers for our educational booth at the Seattle Kennel Club Shows. Check out the volunteer section on the PSLRA website to sign up for your two-hour shift.

One new feature of the newsletter will be "getting to know" board members and event chairpersons. Each newsletter will have a small feature on two members that are making a contribution.

PSLRA will be making two separate donations this year to the University of Wisconsin-Madison school of Veterinary Medicine. The studies, Cranial Cruciate Ligament tears (cruciate rupture or CCL) and Laryngeal Paralysis, both Labrador specific, are being managed by Susannah Sample, DVM, MS, PhD. More information on the studies is provided within the newsletter.

PSLRA's next membership meeting will be on March 31 at Greenleaf's during the Fun Field Day. Liz Gibson, Jan Skews, and their committee will be providing us with more information in the coming weeks. Mark your calendar for a fun day with dogs, birds, food, and your friends!

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PSLRA Membership and Board of Directors' Meeting

Secretary's Minutes, February 21, 2018

Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association Board of Directors' Meeting

February 21, 2018

(Minutes have been modified and summarized due to space)

The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm. Officers, Directors and Chairpersons present included Jill Mahoney, Jen Hajny, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Kristen Reiter, Cindy and Jim Olson, Stephanie Harris, Nina Mann, Brenda Hubbard, Ram Vaidyanathan, Marcy Johnson, Katie Somers, Sonya Dudder, Becky Dannaker, Marlys Swanson, Linda Maffett, Cheri Wilde and Cheri Levine.

Jill Mahoney reported that the AKC has approved a variety of our events which will be highlighted by each chairperson throughout the course of the meeting.

Jen Hajny is working on organizing and cleaning up LabChat. She is currently waiting on the updated membership list in order to remove those with lapsed memberships, but will seek approval from the board prior to purging.

Kristen Reiter reported that she received notification from the AKC that the Spring Agility and Lynden Sweepstakes have been approved.

Jill and Mary Jane Sarbaugh have made arrangements to transfer the books for the treasurer position. Jill presented the Treasurer's Report which will be made available upon request.

Acknowledgements are needed for the Sportsmen's Show, the Awards Banquet and the Show N Go. Brenda Hubbard, Jill Mahoney and Nina Mann will forward their volunteer lists to Kristen for the newsletter.

Nina reported on the Winter Tracking Test. The weather forecast looks like it will hold, which is vital as the event will need to be canceled in the event of snow. Fred Drennan sent a preliminary budget for approval. Due to the need to select entries based on a lottery system, all entry fees must be held until the day of the event so that we know who is selected to participate (and therefore pay) and who is not. The bills are therefore paid after the close of the event. There is one Labrador entered in the Variable Surface Test and three or four entered in the Tracking Dog Urban test.

Cheri Wilde presented an update on the website development. She will be providing a Website Feature Focus for inclusion in each newsletter to acquaint our membership on each new feature in our website. The topic for March will be "Volunteer Opportunities" and will direct membership to online resources to volunteer for our next public outreach at the Seattle Kennel Club dog show. Nina and she are keeping the litter listing updated and have included an option for online payment of the litter listing fees. There is now an online option to apply for and sponsor trophies for the Specialty. Stephanie and Brenda are working on the updated membership book. The website will be implementing new membership forms which will provide a space for the sponsors to be listed. The form will route via email to the sponsor for their confirmation of sponsorship of the member applying. The breeder's list will be similar in that the volunteer requirement can be entered and will route to the chairperson of the event for confirmation of participation.

A membership survey was proposed and discussed. The purpose is to discover why some members are active and others are not. After a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons and how membership could benefit, it was decided to proceed with development of the survey.

The Board asked the survey committee to restructure the survey to conform to the suggestions and return to the board for approval so it can be posted online. Once it has been distributed, the membership should be allowed a month to review and submit their answers. The survey will be accessible via the webpage through the Members Only link with password protection to access (which will be announced through the member email list). It was suggested that the 2017 membership be included in the survey invitation so that if they are not renewing their membership, we might gain some insight as to why that is.

The plan will be to publish the survey once the final review is provided. Cheri presented two different ways we can create the survey online for our membership. There was a discussion on the best means to develop the survey with tools available or those that can be purchased. Jen proposed a motion that we follow Cheri's recommendation for upgrading Forms Functionality at a cost of \$128, plus tax, and pay for the upgrade as presented. Brenda seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion carried.

Kris Reiter provided updates on the Seattle Kennel Club education booth. She will speak with Marcy and Brenda regarding the brochures and breeder's list handouts to determine what needs to be printed. Cheri has the sign-up system in place online for volunteers. The shifts will cover two hours. As we do not have a schedule for showing, volunteers will be excused from serving their full shift duty if they sign up but have to prematurely leave their shift to be in the ring. For those volunteers who will not be exhibiting a dog, we will provide the required entry stickers.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please Submit Articles and Advertisements to:

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Submissions must be received by the editor by the 20th of each month. Please use "newsletter content" in subject line.

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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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PSLRA Membership and Board of Directors' Meeting

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Marlys Swanson summarized her needs for the Meet the Breed. As the schedule is still pending for that event as well, it is difficult to secure volunteers. Four to five individuals will be needed to help present dogs for that demonstration.

Jim Olson reported on the upcoming membership meeting/field day event in March. Liz is trying to locate birds. Jen reported from Liz that they may have to charge for people who want live birds, but dead birds would be free. The plan is to provide a day of mentoring – to present equipment that is used at a hunt trial, popping birds, making WC marks and keeping the training very basic. The temperature and weather conditions will determine if there will be a water mark. The event is open to all interested parties, not just current members. The goal is to encourage participation and perhaps successfully recruit interested parties.

The Spring Hunt Test budget line items were presented. Marlys made a motion to approve the line items as presented. Ram seconded the motion. There were no opposed and the three line items for the hunt test were passed. Peppers is reserved.

The Fall Hunt Test hasn't been addressed at this point due to the work on the Spring Test, but the deposit has been placed to reserve Peppers.

Marlys reported that the Supported Entry has been approved and Sonya is working on prizes for the event. She plans on using items out of the trailer, to include PSLRA branded goods.

Marlys reported that she is working with Carco Park to verify that the grounds will be available for our sanctioned B Match. She was informed that it will be another month before the request will be reviewed for approval, but her contact stated the date should not conflict with any other event. Judges will be needed. Linda Maffett was asked to meet with the judges selection committee to provide names for this event as well as the remaining events for 2018.

Cheri Levine reported on the Agility Trials. The Spring Trial has been approved by the AKC. There are plenty of ribbons left over from previous events that will be utilized. The Trial will offer the Old Dog run again and they will be certain to provide photographs of the class for inclusion in the newsletter. It was requested that Cheri Levine provide a list of potential judges to the judges selection committee for review. Discussion ensued on sources for volunteers to assist at the trials. Youth groups such as boy scouts and 4-H were suggested. The youth members could help reset jumps and provide hospitality in exchange for a donation to their organization. Enlisting the help of a 4-H dog project would also help provide exposure to future exhibitors and spark interest in the sport.

Linda Maffett reports the Specialty is keeping consistent with the timeline and there are no current updates. We have a judge for the Junior classes.

Mary Jane Sarbaugh reported that the Health Clinic is on track, but planning is still in the early stages.

The Wenatchee supported entry is awaiting a judge recommendation from our selection committee and the paperwork needs to be submitted.

Judges are still needed for the Fall Agility Trial.

Becky and Scott Dannaker will host the Holiday Party. The date is still tentative at December 8th.

It is uncertain if we will host a second tracking event this year.

The Show N Go will be held the weekend before the Puyallup. There were no further updates on this event.

Sonya reported on the Annual Awards Banquet. The goal this year is to identify a restaurant with a banquet room so that we can order off a menu. There is one facility that charges \$25 to rent the room, but the attendance would be limited to forty people. As the rooms get larger, then catering becomes a requirement. Research into local options is ongoing.

Brenda Hubbard reported that Edith wrote an inspirational rescue report online which led to several other dogs getting adopted. This report will be sent to Kris for inclusion in the newsletter.

The two Board members to be profiled this month in the newsletter are Sonya Dudder and Shelah Frey. The two Board members to be profiled in April are Marcy Johnson and Diane Sullenberger.

The club is still seeking a willing party to chair the Junior Scholarship committee. This person will advertise the availability of the scholarship and present the applications to the board in the instance that there will be a decision to make. In the recent past, there has only been one form submitted each year. Marlys suggests that forms

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Some Details Still Pending

2018 Calendar of Events

March 10 & 11

Seattle Kennel Club Show

Meet the Breed (Marlys Swanson)
Education Booth (Jill Mahoney/Kristen Reiter)

March 21

Board meeting - 6:30pm

Teleconference

March 31

Training Day and Membership Meeting

April 18

Board Meeting - 6:30pm

Tentative location IHOP, Issaquah

May 5 & 6

Hunt Test

Bob Pepper's Farm, Carnation, WA
Liz Gibson (Chairperson), Cindy Olson
(Hunt Test Secretary), Nina Mann
(Chief Marshall)

May 16

Board Meeting Teleconference - 6:30pm

June 10 (Tentative)

B Match

Carco Park (Cedar River Play Park),
Renton
Marlys Swanson & Katie Somers (Co-
Chairs)

June 10

Board and Membership meeting – directly after match (~2pm)

June 22, 23 & 24

Agility Trial

Fun Fur Paws, Mount Vernon

July 18

Board Meeting - 6:30pm

Teleconference

August 3-5

KISS and Specialty Show

Bay View State Park

August 4

Membership meeting, Board meeting (tentative)

August 15

Board Meeting - 6:30pm (tentative)

Teleconference

August 25-26

Hunt Test

Bob Pepper's Farm Carnation (Location tentative)

September 19

Board Meeting - 6:30pm

Teleconference

PSLRA Membership and Board of Directors' Meeting

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should be available to the juniors by June 1. On the topic of Junior Showmanship, it was also brought up that we should donate an extra gift certificate to the Best Junior Handler in our supported entries.

Ram Vaidyanathan reported on the Field demonstration that Cindy and Jim Olson and the Skyllingstads provided to the Boy Scouts in Puyallup. They provided a brief explanation of field and hunt tests and then took the boys outside to see the equipment and work a few dogs in a mock hunt test. Most of the boys were under sixteen and cannot work the poppers, but interest was ignited and there are three boys with interest in participating in the upcoming retriever picnic trial on Saturday. These same boys might be willing to assist at our spring and fall hunt tests.

The club has not funded any research programs in a few years. Becky presented a study from UC Davis on ectopic ureters. Kris provided two studies from the University of Wisconsin that are specifically utilizing Labrador Retrievers – one on cranial cruciate ligament ruptures and the other on laryngeal paralysis. Client flyers and brochures as well as a detailed summary from Dr. Susannah Sample were emailed prior to the meeting for review. Mary Jane Sarbaugh had recently visited Washington State University and suggested funds be donated towards a veterinary scholarship fund. A study on Tricuspid Valve Disease is being conducted in North Carolina. Discussion on the various studies ensued. Ultimately, it was decided to support the two programs offered by the University of Wisconsin. Marcy made a motion to support the two Labrador-specific research studies being conducted by the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine by donating \$1000 to the cranial cruciate ligament rupture study and \$1000 to the laryngeal paralysis study for a total gift of \$2000. Stephanie amended the motion to provide gifts of \$1500 for each study for a total gift of \$3000. Marlys provided a second to the motion and all were in favor. Kris will contact Dr. Sample for specifics on submitting the payment and will contact Mary Jane for the checks.

The Judges Selection committee was instructed to meet and choose judges and alternates for all of our events to be held this year. Then, every February or March, the committee shall meet and do the same for each upcoming year. It was advised that alternate judges also be selected in the case of unseen conflicts or cancellations so that the committee doesn't have to keep returning to the board for approval. As the Lynden judges must be submitted by February, it was suggested that those judges be chosen now, even though they will be choices for 2019.

We still need a chairperson to organize this year's Working Certificate. The volunteer does not need to be a board member.

Darlene Pado submitted a letter that was distributed to the board for review and discussion. Mary Jane agrees that our volunteers are spread too thin and that we are losing sight of the newcomers. Nina feels some of our events might be redundant or obsolete. Other clubs host events that we don't necessarily have to host. It might be something we need to review. Jen is concerned that we've lost the heart and soul of our KISS specialty. It is no longer simple, the sponsorships make it more work than it was intended to be. Jill suggested we may want to add some more questions to our survey to inquire of the membership on their opinion of what events they would like to see us host. Jill countered that if events are supporting themselves and making money and the organizers are happy to host them, does it matter? Becky suggested we find a happy middle ground with the KISS issue by having a few prizes sponsored, but not all of them. Marlys added she would like to see another opportunity for the Juniors to show. Stephanie advised that we would need to speak with committee chairs, exhibitors and membership before we consider eliminating any events. In the interest of time and due to the difficulty allowing everyone to provide input via the conference with its voice delay, the discussion was tabled for the next meeting. When the topic shall be discussed, we must ensure that we have provided ample publication of the topic so that the membership can participate and be heard. The board appreciates the honest opinion that was presented to us via the letter, but also recognize that others may have different opinions of which we need to be aware. Jill will contact the different committees to provide a head's up on the upcoming discussion.

Leslie Douglas is requesting the assistance of people who want to help review the Litter Listing requirements (are our recommendations current) and the Breeder Referral List requirements for inclusion. Interested parties should contact her.

There was no further business to discuss. The next board meeting will be held March 21st at 6:30pm via teleconference. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.



New PSLRA Website Feature Focus: Volunteer Management



Over the next few months as we continue to implement new functionality as part of the new PSLRA website, we will be highlighting one of these features in the Club's monthly Newsletter. Plus, we will add the instructions for how to use the feature(s) in the upcoming Members Only sections of the website.

This month we are focusing on the Volunteer Management feature. It is a simple, free way for non-profits to keep track of volunteers and volunteer opportunities as part of their website.

This Volunteer Management functionality will help the Club to:

- Communicate available Volunteer Opportunities for both events and on-going volunteer roles within the Club.
 - Some Club members have stated it is not clear which Volunteer Opportunities are available at a given time.
- Market Volunteer Opportunities on the website like “job openings”, including the complete assignment requirements.
 - Some Club Members have stated they are not comfortable Volunteering as they don't know what is expected.
- More easily manage Volunteer Opportunities in general as they remain in the system.
 - One-time opportunities, e.g., helping in the Sportsman's Show Booth, Stewarding at Match, etc. will drop off the list automatically once the Event date has passed. There is no need to manually remove the opportunities.
 - The opportunities remain in the system and can be re-used/modified for future events.
 - The same applies for On-going opportunities, e.g., Junior Scholarship Chair. Once someone signs up/commits to the opportunity, it will drop off the list, but remain in the system for future use.
- Track Volunteer sign-up in the system to help manage the Volunteer requirements relating to the Breeding Directory.
 - Unfortunately, we can't manually add volunteers to the database. Volunteers appear in the database after signing up for an opportunity.
 - Breeder List participants, who are not on the Board, chairing a Committee or an Event, will need to sign up for posted Volunteer assignments in the system, so we can track any assignments they may have volunteered for.
 - This information can be sent to Event Chairs pro-actively, to more quickly confirm Volunteer assignments prior to the annual Membership/Breeder Directory renewal period.

How Do I Submit Available Volunteer Opportunities?

- This requires Board Members, Committee Chairs or Event Chairs to summarize the details for their open One-Time or On-going Volunteer Opportunities. Please include the following:
 - Name, email and phone number of person managing the Volunteer sign-up.
 - Name and date of the Event if the opportunity is Event related.
 - Name or Name(s) of your Volunteer Opportunities, e.g., Specialty Ring Stewards, Hunt Test Marshal, etc.
 - List how many Volunteers you need to fill each role. This can be unlimited or capped to a certain number of people.
 - If your opportunity requires “shifts”, note how many hours each shift will be, the number of shifts you will need per day, and how many volunteers you will need per shift.
 - Volunteer requirements: What is expected of each volunteer, including any other important details such as, they are required to bring their own chair, snacks, pay for parking, etc.
- Complete Volunteer Opportunities details are sent to the Club's Web Masters, Cheri Wildes or Darlene Pado, so the opportunity or opportunities can be added to the website.
 - Once posted you will be notified and asked to review the assignment to confirm its accuracy.
- Once posted, it is the responsibility of the person managing the Volunteer Opportunity to market the available opportunities to Club and non-Club members, (if applicable), to secure the needed Volunteer(s).
 - Once all your opportunities are filled, the system will notify anyone attempting to sign-up that no openings are available. This is automatically managed as part of the sign-up process.
- It is not necessary to notify the Web Master once all your Volunteer opportunities are filled. Again, this is managed as part of the sign-up process in the system.

Feature Focus: Volunteer Management (Continued)

Where are the Opportunities Located on the Website?

Once posted the Volunteer Opportunities will appear in the following locations on the site.

- Volunteer Widget in the Website Footer.
- On the Volunteer Page where all available One-Time and On-going Volunteer Opportunities are listed.
 - Access the Volunteer Page via the Events Navigation drop-down on the Main Navigation: Event > Volunteers.

Footer



Volunteer – At Events

- SKC – PSLRA Booth Day 1 – Shift 1

When: Sat, March 10, 2018 @ 8:00 am

[View All](#)

Volunteer – Other

- Junior Scholarship Chair

[View All](#)

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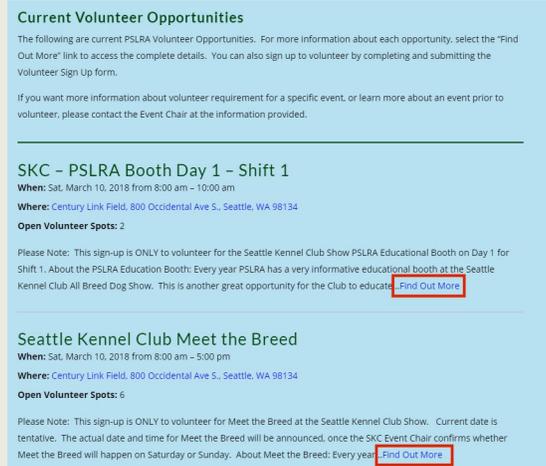
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PSLRA Events List

PSLRA Events Calendar

[Volunteer](#)

Volunteer Page



Current Volunteer Opportunities

The following are current PSLRA Volunteer Opportunities. For more information about each opportunity, select the "Find Out More" link to access the complete details. You can also sign up to volunteer by completing and submitting the Volunteer Sign Up form.

If you want more information about volunteer requirement for a specific event, or learn more about an event prior to volunteer, please contact the Event Chair at the information provided.

SKC – PSLRA Booth Day 1 – Shift 1

When: Sat, March 10, 2018 from 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Where: Century Link Field, 800 Occidental Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134

Open Volunteer Spots: 2

Please Note: This sign-up is ONLY to volunteer for the Seattle Kennel Club Show PSLRA Educational Booth on Day 1 for Shift 1. About the PSLRA Education Booth: Every year PSLRA has a very informative educational booth at the Seattle Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show. This is another great opportunity for the Club to educate. [Find Out More](#)

Seattle Kennel Club Meet the Breed

When: Sat, March 10, 2018 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

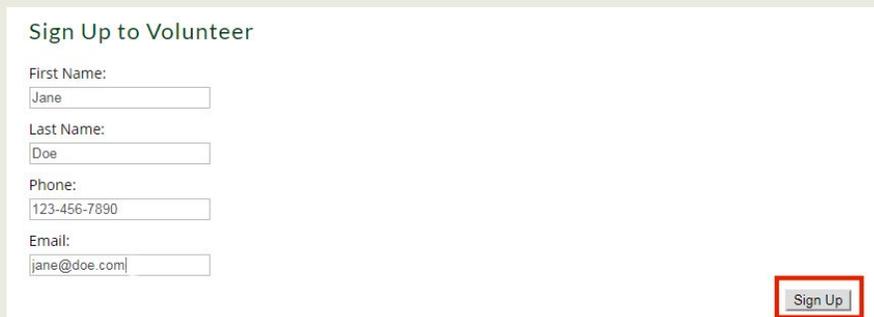
Where: Century Link Field, 800 Occidental Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134

Open Volunteer Spots: 6

Please Note: This sign-up is ONLY to volunteer for Meet the Breed at the Seattle Kennel Club Show. Current date is tentative. The actual date and time for Meet the Breed will be announced, once the SKC Event Chair confirms whether Meet the Breed will happen on Saturday or Sunday. About Meet the Breed: Every year. [Find Out More](#)

How Do I Sign-up for Available Volunteer Opportunities?

- Volunteers can sign-up directly on the website on the Volunteer Assignment Details Page.
- On the Volunteer Page, go to the Volunteer Opportunity of interest and select the Find Out More link.
- The link goes to the Assignment Details Page summarizing the complete details for the opportunity, including how to sign-up. Example: SKC Booth: Day 1/Shift 1
- If interested in signing up, complete the Volunteer information and submit the Sign-Up button on the Assignment Details Page.



Sign Up to Volunteer

First Name:

Last Name:

Phone:

Email:

[Sign Up](#)

- An email notification will be sent to the person managing the Volunteer Opportunity notifying them someone has signed up.
 - Once the person managing the Volunteer Opportunity receives the email notification, they should touch base with the Volunteer confirming they received their sign-up and inquire if the Volunteer has any questions.
- An automated email confirmation will also be sent to the person Volunteering once they sign up.
 - Additional automated email reminders can be sent to Volunteers three days in advance of or before the opportunity to provide for last-minute details if necessary.

Feature Focus: Volunteer Management (Continued)

How Do I Sign-up to Volunteer with a Friend or Significant Other?

- Volunteers sign-ups are tracked in the system by the email address provided. The system will not accept duplicate email address for the same assignment.
- Meaning, if an assignment has more than one opening and you would like to volunteer with 1 or more other people, each person must sign-up using their own name and a unique email address.
- **Example 1:** Jane Doe and Sue Smith want to volunteer in the SKC Booth together and there are only 2 openings for their shift. They each need to sign themselves up, or one agrees to sign both up using their individual names and unique email addresses.
 - This will ensure the person managing the Volunteer Opportunity knows there are two volunteers and all volunteers for that shift will receive their email confirmations/notifications.
- **Example 2:** Jane Doe and Jim Doe (husband and wife) want to volunteer in the SKC Booth together and there are only 2 openings for their shift. Again, they each need to sign themselves up, or one agrees to sign both up using their individual names and unique email addresses.
 - Again, this will ensure the person managing the Volunteer Opportunity knows there are two volunteers and all volunteers for that shift will receive their email confirmations/notifications.
 - If Jane and Jim share the same email address, and do not have individual email addresses, one should sign-up, then notify the Web Master for assistance signing up the second person.

What if Something Comes Up and I Cannot Volunteer?

If you signed up to Volunteer but are no longer able fulfill the assignment:

- Notify the person managing the Volunteer Opportunity as soon as possible.
- The person managing the Volunteer Opportunity will contact the Web Master to have your name removed from that Volunteer Opportunity.
 - This will ensure you receive no future confirmations or reminders about the assignment.
 - This will make the Volunteer Opportunity available for someone else to sign-up in your place.

It is through the dedication and commitment of PSLRA member volunteers, past and present, that the Club is able to offer such a wide variety of events each year. Hopefully, all members will find this new Volunteer Management functionality easy to use, and helpful in both managing and communicating volunteer opportunities going forward.

If you have further questions about the Volunteer Management feature or have Volunteer Opportunities, you would like to add to the system, please contact Cheri Wildes or Darlene Pado for assistance.

Regards,

Cheri Wildes

PSLRA Web Master

Litter Listing

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 5/18/2017 that conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

Information is as submitted by owners and provided as a service to the public. Listing of litters is in no way an endorsement by PSLRA 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 permanently certified on both the sire and dam.
- ◆ Current Eye clearances on both parents.
- ◆ At least one of each breeding pair must be tested and certified clear of EIC, CNM and RA or be shown as CBP.
- ◆ Heart and other 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 obtain a Litter Listing form from the PSLRA web site, to be used for ALL litters. All Breeders must update their litters each week with Nina Mann via email (harbortoplabs@gmail.com) 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 or email the completed form to Nina Mann, 5706 312th St NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-9649. Please send the \$10 listing fee to Jill Mahoney, Treasurer, by check or PayPal.
2. Your litter notice will appear on the web site and 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, treasurer) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue. Glossary: EIC: Exercise Induced Collapse, CNM: Centronuclear opacity, PRA: Progressive Retinal Atrophy, DD: Dilute clear, CBP: Clear by parentage.

Litter Listing as of February 22, 2018

Litter Born: 12/31/2017

All yellow Available: 1 Yellow Male, 2 Yellow Females

Sire: JRL Firebird of Cougar Creek

Clearances: OFA24 = Good, OFEL24 = Normal,
PRA= Clear, EIC = Clear, CNM = Clear, DM = Clear,
RD/OSD = Clear, LR-EYE 11/2017, Cardiac = Normal

Dam: Cougar Creek Northern Star

Clearances: OFA24 = Good, OFEL24 = Normal, LR-
EYE 11/2016, Cardiac = Normal

Breeder: Cecilie Drege

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Date Listed: 1/18/2018

Litter Born: 2/14/2018

6 Black males, 4 Black females

Available: 5 Black Males

Sire: CH Artesian's Moonstruck

Clearances: OFA24 = Excellent, OFEL24 = Normal,
PRA = Carrier, EIC = Clear, CNM = Clear, ACVO-
EYE 11/2017

Dam: Misty Mountain It Might As Well Be Spring CD JH

Clearances: OFA24 = Good, OFEL24 = Normal, PRA =
Clear, EIC = Clear, CNM = Clear,
LR-EYE 3/2017

Breeder: Marlys Swanson

Phone: 425.422.4789

Email: Marlyss2000@gmail.com

Date Listed: 2/22/2018

About the Older Puppy & Other Dog Listing:

Listing of available Older Puppies & Other Dogs offered by PSLRA members who are either the breeder or current owner.

Other Dogs listed Do Not need to conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

Prospective buyers are encouraged to ask about the needs of Other Dogs, and why the breeder/owner have decided to place them.

Many of the dogs listed have basic obedience and are house trained.

Listings of Older Puppies & Other Dogs is in no way a guarantee or endorsement by PSLRA of any breeder, or any one breeder over another.

The listing is updated by our Litter Listing Chairperson approximately every two weeks or as often as needed.

Other Dog Listing

Sorry, no dogs are available at this time.



CALENDAR

(Continued, yes TWO columns of activities for your complete Labrador enjoyment!)

September 23

Health Clinic

Riverdog Canine Coaching, Issaquah

October 17

Board Meeting - 6:30pm

Teleconference

October 20

Supported Entry

Wenatchee

November 2, 3 & 4

Agility Trial

Argus Ranch, Auburn

November 17

Board Meeting (Directly following WIKC dog show)

Specific location to be determined, Monroe

December 15 (TENTATIVE)

Holiday Party

Scott and Becky Dannaker's home

December 19

Board meeting - 6:30pm

Teleconference

January 12

Board meeting - 5:00pm

Best Western Premier Plaza Hotel, Puyallup

January 12

Supported Entry

Puyallup Fairgrounds

January 12

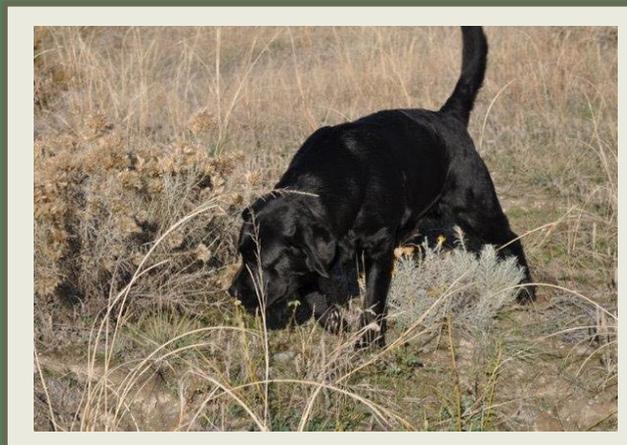
Membership Meeting and Annual Awards Banquet

Best Western Premier Plaza Hotel, Puyallup

Still pending are the Fall Tracking Tests, Field Training days and the Fall WC.

Getting to Know You—Board Bios!

Sonya Dudder, Dolce Vita Labradors



My name is Sonya Dudder and I am currently on the PSLRA Board. I have been involved in this wonderful world of Labrador Retrievers for the past 27 years. I have bred and raised dogs that perform and have titled in the show ring, the field, the obedience ring, rally and agility.

I purchased my first Labrador in 1993 and the rest is history. I currently own 6 dogs ranging in age from 5 months – 10 years. I enjoy conformation with my dogs as well my husband enjoys bird hunting with them.

I am an active member of PSLRA, RCLRC and CCLRC.



Getting to Know You!

Shelah Horne Frey, Harbor Dog Training and Boarding



I'm Shelah Horne Frey, thank you for asking me to write a bit about the dog portion of my life. I recently moved to Gig Harbor, WA which is about 50 miles south of my hometown, Mercer Island. I was raised with dogs and the sport of AKC events. My mother, Janice Horne was a successful Conformation & Obedience Breeder/Owner/Handler with Poodles since 1962. In 1974 she added another breed and won many top National honors with her generations of Miniature Pinschers.

As a youngster, I enjoyed training dogs as a hobby. When I found a home of my own with a yard, I purchased my first Labrador from Sharon Edwards in 1994. Sharon is one of the most outstanding Labrador Breeders in our sport, not just for the number of Champions she breeds, or the high health standards of her dogs. Sharon engages her puppy buyers in All-Things-Labrador. I thought I knew a bit about Labs from the beautiful dog my uncle owned from Georgia Gouch. I was quickly immersed into doing as much as possible with my dog. Sharon not only promotes the All-Around Labrador, but everyone that is willing to listen and learn. I wasn't always a good listener, but I learned a lot from her.

In 1998 I was honored to purchase HiltonHall Mainland Makita "Mika" from Sharon and Chuck Hilton. Mika was the foundation for the generations of Champions, Specialty winners and titled dogs we have produced through the years. Another outstanding girl was added in 2000, Tormentil Citori at Mainland. I was honored to travel and win my first specialties with her. In 2002 my dream dog was purchased from Judy Chambers, Ghoststone's Boomtown "Boomer". He took me on a special journey that allowed me to meet and make so many new friends, all over the world. Boomer was my "heart dog" and continues to live out his legacy in literally thousands of pedigrees across the globe. Throughout the years I have also owned & bred Min Pins, Pugs, Frenchies & Boston Terriers.

We have to give a shout out to Paul and Jeleen Guttenberg for their Westminster win! Mainland's Little Ricky Ricardo "Ricky" has been on a roll for the most wonderful people in Colorado. I'm especially proud of all the Assistance dogs we have produced for many organizations across the country. Guide Dogs for the Blind, Wounded Warrior Foundation, MS Assistance and Diabetic Detection Dogs.

In 2000 I was asked to take a friend's dog to a show in Canada. What started as a little extra gas money quickly turned my dog hobby into a part time job. Being a Professional Dog Handler allowed me to travel and do what I realized was my interest, showing dogs in AKC events, not breeding and producing puppies. I was blessed to have so many stunning dogs, of different breeds to show over the years. Unfortunately, I have neck & back injuries, so announcing my retirement after the 2013 Labrador National was good timing. Laurelglenn Hyspire Ardent Rouge lived with me for the prior 6 months and he had already won many ribbons that summer. Winning the National with Rogue for his owner, Julie Ohegian was truly icing on the cake.

Mentoring Exhibitors & Judging dogs has been a wonderful activity and a way to give back to our sport. I have enjoyed my assignments as a HRT JH level judge starting in the mid 1990's. Sweepstakes assignments have been an ongoing activity for the Sporting, Non-Sporting and Toy groups. I have been teaching Conformation Handling Classes at Riverdog K9 since about 2003. I went to work for them in 2015 as a Family Dog Trainer! This has been the most fun yet! Since moving south, I had to leave Riverdog and now own and operate my own business, Harbor Dog Training and Boarding.

My Club activity includes being on the Board of Directors, Officer positions, Event Chair and Secretary. Clubs include: Seattle Kennel Club, Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Assoc., Toy Dog Club of PS, Toy Dog Club of Alaska and The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. I was a Founding member of Rainier Sporting Dog Assoc.

Thank you for letting me share a bit about the dogs and myself.

Shelah Horne Frey, CPDT-KA
Harbor Dog Training and Boarding

Brag!



CH Fawnhaven Celtic Woman O'ReiMur JH RN WC

Barb and Don Ironside and I are very proud of Kelly, CH Fawnhaven Celtic Woman O'ReiMur JH RN WC, for being the newest LRC Versatile Producer of Merit (VPM) Award recipient. She earned this award via the accomplishments of her kids, Larson (Am/Can CH SHR ReiMur's Good Humor Man CD BN RN JH NAP OFF CGC WC Can JH/WC), who is owned and loved by me, and Margie (ReiMur's Marge Simpson CD BN RE JH CGCA CC), who is co-owned and loved by Liz O'Callaghan and myself. Margie needs one more leg for her CDx; Larson recently earned his CD and OFP titles and is working on his CDx, RA and OAP. Kelly only produced one litter but it was a nice one! This litter was sired by Banbury Vincent.

Kelly is the daughter of Magic (Can CH Fawnhaven's the Sorceress WC), who is also a VPM award recipient - they are the first mother-daughter pair to earn this award. Magic's award was earned via the accomplishments of her sons and Kelly's littermates, Fergus (Am GCH Can CH UKC CH HRCH UH ReiMur's Juz Fulla Myself MH CDX RE CGC Can JH/CD/WCX), owned and loved by me, and Crash (ReiMur's Juz Crashin' Thru VCD UD PUDT VER JH TDX RAE NAP NJP WC CC CGCA Delta Society Certified Therapy Dog), owned and loved by Renee St. Denis. This litter was sired by BISS CH Hyspiresurshot Juz Bcuz Im Hot. This was also a very fun litter that also produced CH ReiMur Tidesin at Mustardseed JH RN WC, owned and loved by Fred and Linda Walkley.

I want to thank Barb and Don for sharing Magic and Kelly and for sharing in this journey with these wonderful dogs. I am grateful for the foundation they gave me and for instilling the importance of having an all around dog. Several of Magic and Kelly's kids dogs are PSLRA All Around and Versatility award recipients.

Darlene Pado
ReiMur Labradors

Bragg!



*Am/Can CH SHR ReiMur's Good Humor Max CD BN RN JH NAP
OFP CGC Can JH/WC*

Larson, Am/Can CH SHR ReiMur's Good Humor Man CD BN RN JH NAP OFP CGC Can JH/WC, finished his CD title at the Gig Harbor Kennel Club show in January and earned two legs of his Rally Advanced title at the Nisqually Kennel Club Obedience Trials 2/17/18 - 2/18/18. He is owned, loved and trained by Darlene Pado.

Rescue Report

A Different Kind of Rescue Story



Jupiter is a typical Lab who never saw a ball he didn't want to chase and retrieve! Sweet, friendly, energetic and playful, this eleven year old black male Lab found himself in need of a new home after his family moved to a small apartment. Our rescue group was contacted and we started right away looking for the perfect home for Jupiter. In spite of his age, we thought it would be easy to find a new family for this dog-loving and kid-friendly gentleman. After a few days, though, Jupiter's family notified us that they had found a wonderful place for Jupiter on their own and no longer needed our assistance. But in the short time that Jupiter's extremely appealing photo was posted on the SPDR web page, we received inquiries from several other families willing to consider adopting a senior Lab. This led to the adoption of three other senior Labs in less than two weeks! We are delighted that Jupiter has a great new family and we appreciate his help in attracting the attention of other adopters to the possibility of adopting a senior Lab. Jupiter turned out to be a great ambassador for Lab rescue!

On the Right Track

PSLRA Tracking Dog Urban/Variable Surface Test



VST qualifier Abra's Alkaid TDU TDX with his handler Gisela Kroke, the judges and tracklayer

It was a chilly day for PSLRA's TDU/VST tracking tests but the camaraderie was warm and it looked like everyone had fun. Fred Drennan, event chair, had a great group of volunteers and everything seemed to run smoothly. It was good to see club members Nina Mann, Michelle Brown, Maggy Susman and Jan Palumbo, as well as Franna Pitt who was there to run her dog Villa in the VST. The tracking community is very supportive and I enjoyed meeting everyone. There were 4 TDU tracks plus an alternate; Labradors ran 3 of the 5 but it was the alternate dog, a Springer, who came home with a new TDU title. There were 3 VST tracks and 1 pass, which went to the German Shepherd from Canada. I have to say it was a thrill to watch a dog pass a VST – I have watched a few and they are incredibly difficult. This dog had one area that he really worked through and once he made the turn, I think we all thought he was going to do it ☺ All of the dogs did quite well and had what the judges called moments of brilliance.. Watching solid working dogs is a treat and inspires me to get out there and train with my own. Congrats to everyone who came out and took another step in the journey with their dogs this weekend! Attached are some pics from today.

PSLRA TDU/VST Tests 2-25-18

Thank you to all our volunteers!

AWARDS BANQUET

Shelah Frey
Jennifer Hajny
Mary Jane Sarbaugh
Stephanie Harris
Katie Somers
Nina Mann
Jill Mahoney

We cant be the club
we are
without your help!
Thank you for
your time.

Sportsmens' Show

Brenda and Gary Hubbard
Bob Morris
Laura Steward
Tamaría Hartman
Kimberly and Chris Dotson
Cindy Olson
Pamela Gunderson
Jill Mahoney
Kristi Clark
Stacey and Shawn Parsons
Julie Germano
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Marlys and Brad Swanson
Kris Reiter

Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show



March 10 & 11, 2018

[Century Link Field, 800 Occidental Ave S., Seattle, WA 98134](#)

Education Booth

Every year PSLRA has a very informative educational booth at the Seattle Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show. This is another great opportunity for the Club to educate the public about our wonderful Labrador Retriever breed, including sharing details about the breed, and discussing the breed standard.

- The show runs from Saturday, March 10th from 8:00 am to Sunday, March 11th at 5:00 pm.
- The PSLRA Seattle Kennel Club Education Booth volunteer shifts average about 2 hours each.
- Morning, afternoon, and late afternoon shifts are available.

The Booth provides show attendees a chance to meet representatives of the Labrador Retriever Breed, ask questions and get up close and personal with the dogs. PSLRA provides printed information about our Club. The materials range from the Labrador Retriever as a breed, how to join PSLRA, and the current Breeder's List and Litter Listing.

If your Volunteer shift is scheduled at the same time as your Conformation or Obedience ring time, the Club understands that the booth may not have a volunteer present at that time. Once your ring time is complete, and if there is still time remaining in your Volunteer shift, please return to the PSLRA booth to complete your scheduled Volunteer assignment.

Volunteer Requirements:

- Willingness to work at least a 2 hour shift in the PSLRA Educational Booth.
- See above comments regarding scheduled assignment conflicting with your ring time.
- We try to get enough volunteers to have two people in the booth at the same time.
- Volunteers must be comfortable discussing the Labrador Retriever breed, the breed standard and answering general questions about the breed.
- Your personal Labradors are welcome to attend/participate in the booth, and must be at least 6 months of age to be present at the event.
Dogs need to be well socialized/mannered, with both people and other dogs.
- The show is attended by many people of all ages, including families with small children who will want to pet your dog.
- Other dogs may be present in the PSLRA Educational Booth, so dogs need to be comfortable interacting with dogs they may not know.
You and your dog do not have to be entered in the show to volunteer to help in the PSLRA Educational Booth.
- If you are not entered in the show, and would still like to volunteer, please let Jill Mahoney and Kristen Reiter know in advance.
- Jill Mahoney will work with the SKC Event Chair to make arrangements for you and your dog to enter the venue.
- Chairs will be provided in the booth. Please bring any snacks or drinks you and your dog may need during your volunteer assignment.
- All volunteers for the PSLRA Booth are responsible for paying for their own parking at the event.
- **Canine Influenza (CI):** Please be aware that Canine Influenza or Dog Flu, is a highly contagious viral infection affecting dogs. Dogs in close contact with infected dogs in places such as kennels, groomers, day care facilities, performance events, etc. are at increased risk of infection.

Please Note: If you volunteer to help at the PSLRA Educational Booth, please commit to participating and do not cancel at the last minute.

Education Booth Co-Chair: Jill Mahoney

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COME SEE THE DEBUT OF OUR NEW BOOTH!!!

(Nope, we're not excited at ALL for its reveal...WOO HOO!!!)

PLEASE UTILIZE OUR ONLINE SIGN-UP AT <https://www.pslra.org/pslra-events/volunteer/>

Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show



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Current date is tentative. The actual date and time for Meet the Breed will be announced, once the SKC Event Chair confirms whether Meet the Breed will happen on Saturday or Sunday.

About Meet the Breed:

Every year PSLRA hosts a “Meet the Breed” at the Seattle Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show. This is another great opportunity for the Club to educate the public about our wonderful Labrador Retriever breed, including sharing details about the breed, and discussing the breed standard.

Meet the Breed volunteers will present their dog in one of the rings for a half hour showcase. It provides the attendees a chance to see several representatives of the breed in one place, ask questions and get up close and personal with the dogs. Meet the Breed will be scheduled at a reasonable time following the Breed’s Conformation ring time, and participants will gather ring side at the Meet the Breed Ring at the designated time (TBD).

Volunteer Requirements:

- We are looking for at least 3 Volunteers with 1 dog each representing the 3 colors of the purebred Labrador Retriever: Black, Chocolate & Yellow.
- Ideally we will have enough volunteers so we can represent both males and females of each color, (a total of 6 dogs)
This may include 1 dog each from 6 volunteers.
Or, some volunteers may choose to bring 2 dogs, (if they are comfortable handling 2 dogs while interacting with the public).
- Volunteers must be comfortable discussing the Labrador Retriever breed, the breed standard and answering general questions about the breed.
- Labradors Retriever participants must be at least 6 months of age to be present at the event.
- Dogs need to be well socialized/mannered, with both people and other dogs.
The show is attended by many people of all ages, including families with small children who will want to pet your dog.
Other dogs will be present in the Meet the Breed ring, so dogs need to be comfortable interacting with dogs they may not know.
- You and your dog do not have to be entered in the show to volunteer for Meet the Breed.
If you are not entered in the show, and would still like to volunteer, please let Marlys Swanson and Jill Mahoney know in advance.
Jill Mahoney will work with the SKC Event Chair to make arrangements for you and your dog to enter the venue.
- All volunteers for Meet the Breed are responsible for paying for their own parking at the event.
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Please Note: If you volunteer for Meet the Breed, please commit to participating and do not cancel at the last minute.

“Meet the Breed” is considered a special attraction at the Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show, where pre-selected breeds are presented by knowledgeable owners/handlers, showcasing their breed’s specific characteristics.

Meet the Breed Chair:

Marlys Swanson

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INCIDENCE

Cranial cruciate ligament (CCL) rupture is the most common cause of lameness in dogs. The VMTH surgeons treat over 150 patients every year for this issue. It is common for patients with CCL rupture in one knee to rupture the other knee within a year of the initial rupture.

CAUSES

The cause of most CCL ruptures is not associated with a traumatic injury; this is referred to as non-contact cruciate rupture. Current knowledge indicates that CCL rupture has a genetic component. Inflammation within the knee contributes to CCL weakening. Over time, the ligament progressively frays until it has completely ruptured.

CLINICAL SIGNS

Lameness of one or both hind limbs is often the first sign of CCL rupture in dogs. This lameness can be mild to severe and may have gradual or acute onset. Patients may lean to one side while sitting (pictured below) or hold up one leg while standing.



TREATMENT OPTIONS

CCL rupture causes joint instability or excessive movement of the knee joint. Other structures within the knee, including the menisci cartilage, may also become damaged as a result of this instability.

CONSERVATIVE THERAPY

CCL ruptures can be treated conservatively with rest, pain-relieving medications, and diet. While this will make the patient more comfortable, it does not reduce the development of arthritis, further joint damage, or resolve lameness.

SURGICAL STABILIZATION

The goal of surgery is NOT to repair the torn CCL. Surgery stabilizes the knee to eliminate abnormal movement. There are currently three surgical procedures that can be used for stabilization: Extra capsular stabilization, Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy (TPLO), and Tibial Tuberosity Advancement (TTA).

Some disadvantages to surgical stabilization include:

1. Surgery does not cure the process that caused the CCL to rupture
2. There is still a risk of meniscal tear following surgery, requiring another procedure
3. All surgeries carry some risk for complications
4. Surgery is expensive for owners

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Genetic Basis of Cranial Cruciate Ligament Rupture



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Genetic Basis of Cranial Cruciate Ligament Rupture

STUDY INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

Non-contact cruciate rupture (rupture not associated with any known trauma) occurs in about 8% of Labrador Retrievers and 9% of Rottweilers. It is responsible for 20% of canine lameness and burdens U.S. pet owners with at least \$1 billion in healthcare costs each year. It is accepted that a majority of ruptures are degenerative, but the explanatory mechanism is not known. The moderate to high heritability of the condition suggests a genetic component. Advancements in genotyping technology now allow us to look for the genetic mutations responsible for cruciate rupture and other orthopaedic canine diseases.

TRAIT-MAPPING IN DOGS

Individual breeds have not had time to acquire novel genetic mutations in recent centuries. It is more likely that the mutated genes that cause disease were present in dogs before specific breeds were developed. Therefore, when several breeds are commonly affected with the same disease, it is likely that the same mutated gene is responsible in all of them.

STUDY DESIGN

This research takes a two phase approach: first identify mutations within a breed (Labrador Retriever and Rottweiler), then narrow results by studying the candidate regions of the genome in other breeds affected with the disease. In the case of non-contact cruciate rupture, Labrador Retrievers together with Golden Retrievers, Newfoundlands, German Shepherds, Rottweilers and Greyhounds will be compared in the second phase of this study.

CANINE GENOMICS

The Dog Genome Sequencing Project was completed in 2005. Just a few years ago, a genome-wide association (GWA) study such as this one would have been prohibitively expensive. Recent advancements in technology have significantly decreased the costs of GWA studies (GWAS). The first GWAS of an orthopaedic disease in dogs was published in 2010. Today, several canine diseases are being investigated using GWAS.

WHY IS THIS RESEARCH IMPORTANT?

After we've identified genetic mutations for non-contact cruciate rupture, the goal of this study is to develop a genetic test. This test would be available for use by any veterinarian. A blood or saliva sample taken in puppyhood would identify dogs at risk for non-contact cruciate rupture. This will provide information for purchasing and breeding decisions and allow medical intervention to slow disease progression. Moreover, it has long been established that dogs and humans share a similar profile of diseases, and cruciate rupture is no exception. Evidence exists for genetic contribution to ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) rupture in humans. Therefore, it is possible that this research will contribute to human as well as veterinary medical knowledge.

FUNDING

This research is supported by the Morris Animal Foundation and the Melita Grunow Family Professorship in Companion Animal Health.

"CAN MY DOG PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY?"

PEDIGREE INFORMATION

The dogs enrolled in this study must not be closely related to each other. If your dog is AKC registered, the AKC number is used to check whether he/she is related to the dogs currently in our study. If your dog is not registered, we can use the AKC registration numbers of his/her parents. You can find these numbers on the certificate of pedigree that was given to you when you purchased your dog.

Affected dogs can be of any age and must have had a complete rupture of the cruciate ligament in one or both knee joints. Surgery may or may not have been performed.

Unaffected dogs must be 8 years of age or older and have no history of knee problems.

IF YOUR DOGS QUALIFIES FOR THE STUDY, WE WILL OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- A small blood or saliva from your dog
- Standing x-rays of both knee joints: NO SEDATION IS REQUIRED. Your dog is in a comfortable standing position while we obtain the images.
- A short questionnaire, completed by you, pertaining to the lifestyle of your dog

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About Laryngeal Paralysis

INCIDENCE

Acquired late-onset laryngeal paralysis/acquired peripheral neuropathy is a frequent cause of increased respiratory noise in older dogs. At UW Veterinary Care, surgeons treat many older dogs every year for this condition. It is common for patients in respiratory distress to require surgery to open the airway and prevent life-threatening airway obstruction.

CAUSES

Acquired laryngeal paralysis is a genetic disease, which is particularly common in the Labrador Retriever, although it can occur in many other breeds as well. Although the paralysis of the laryngeal nerves is most dramatic, the disease is actually a result of a generalized degenerative neurologic disease, in which motor nerve fibers that run from the spinal cord directly to muscles undergo degeneration. The laryngeal muscles and the hindlimb muscles are affected most severely, and in some dogs the esophagus can also become affected. Paralysis of the laryngeal muscles leads to respiratory obstruction. Nerve degeneration progresses over time.

CLINICAL SIGNS

Laryngeal paralysis is a part of a generalized neurologic disease. Common clinical signs may include:

- Reduced exercise tolerance
- Noisy breathing, which may be described as "roaring" or sounding like a train.
- A change in the sound of a dog's bark
- Weakness of the rear legs, which may present as dogs having a hard time jumping or climbing stairs
- Coughing while eating or drinking

TREATMENT GOALS AND OPTIONS

The goal of treatment for pets with laryngeal paralysis is to help these older dogs maintain a high quality-of-life by preventing episodes of respiratory distress or suffocation.

CONSERVATIVE MANAGEMENT

Laryngeal paralysis can often be managed conservatively by modification of the dog's activity. Affected dogs should be kept cool and rested. Dogs can not be permitted to go outside on hot days.

SURGICAL TREATMENT

The goal of surgery is to prevent the larynx from becoming obstructed by permanently a larger airway opening by suturing the larynx open. This surgical procedure is known as arytenoid lateralization, also commonly referred to as a "tie-back". By permanently opening the larynx, air is allowed to move more easily during normal breathing. Potential risks associated with surgical treatment include complications such as the development of pneumonia. In some instances life style changes are required.

Surgery does not cure the degenerative neurologic process that causes laryngeal paralysis, but is effective at opening the airway and improving quality of life.

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FUNDING

This research is currently supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), an internal grant through the Companion Animal Fund and the American College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Genetic Basis of Acquired Laryngeal Paralysis



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Genetic and Pathologic Basis of Laryngeal Paralysis

STUDY INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

Laryngeal paralysis is a disease most commonly diagnosed in older (9-13+ years) Labrador retrievers and Golden Retrievers, although other breeds can be affected. Laryngeal paralysis most commonly part of a generalized progressive neurologic disease that affects motor nerve fibers; therefore, a more accurate term for this condition is "acquired peripheral neuropathy." Although we now know the condition is genetic, the specific gene mutation(s) is not known.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The ultimate goal of this work is to understand the genetics and neuropathology of laryngeal paralysis in dogs. Doing so will allow for the development of medical treatment for these animals and provide a model for similar conditions that affect people. Currently, there are no treatments available for people or dogs with this type of neurodegenerative disease.

This study has three main objectives.

- 1) Create a genetic test for laryngeal paralysis in the Labrador and Golden Retriever.
- 2) Determine whether this test is applicable to other breeds.
- 3) Determine the specific gene and mutation associated with laryngeal paralysis in dogs.
- 4) Determine the neuropathology and its progression in dogs with laryngeal paralysis.

Understanding the genetic mutation associated with laryngeal paralysis is the first of two steps to fully unraveling the disease. A separate portion of this work will be focusing on understanding the degenerative changes that nerves in affected dogs undergo over time.

GENOMIC SEQUENCING

The Dog Genome Sequencing Project was completed in 2005. We have used a genome-wide association study (GWAS) to locate a genetic marker for laryngeal paralysis in Labrador Retrievers, through which a genetic screening test has been developed for the disease. Currently, GWAS is being used to investigate a variety of canine diseases.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Currently, we have identified a genetic locus (region of DNA) that significantly correlates with the laryngeal paralysis condition in the Labrador Retriever. We are now working towards finding the genetic mutation that causes laryngeal paralysis. This work is expected to result in the development of a highly sensitive and specific diagnostic test for laryngeal paralysis that can be used to inform breeding and patient management.

We are currently working to determine if the genetic marker associated with laryngeal paralysis in Labradors Retrievers is also associated with the disease in other breeds, with a focus on the Golden Retriever. This will allow us to determine whether the genetic test can be used for breeds other than the Labrador Retriever.

Importantly, it has long been established that dogs and humans share a similar profile of diseases, including degenerative neurologic disease that can result in laryngeal paralysis. The results of this research in dogs is expected to be also help understand and inform treatment of human patients with a similar genetic disease.

"CAN MY DOG PARTICIPATE?"

PEDIGREE INFORMATION

If your dog is AKC registered, we would like to use the AKC number to check the pedigree of your dog. If your dog is not registered, we could use the AKC registration numbers of his/her parents or the Certificate of Pedigree provided by your breeder.

DOGS AFFECTED WITH LARYNGEAL PARALYSIS can be of any age and must have had either a previous arytenoid lateralization procedure or currently have clinical signs consistent with laryngeal paralysis.

UNAFFECTED DOGS must be **12.5 years of age or older** and have no history of increased respiratory noise or evidence of neurologic abnormalities.

IF YOUR DOG PARTICIPATES IN THE STUDY, WE WILL COLLECT THE FOLLOWING:

- A small blood sample from your dog
- A neurologic examination will be performed
- In some circumstances, a sedated airway examination may be performed to assess if your dog is affected or unaffected
- In dogs that are determined to be neurologically normal, we may ask to recheck your pet every 6-12 months to confirm that he/she remains unaffected by the disease

WHAT IF I DON'T LIVE NEAR MADISON WISCONSIN?

We are looking for dogs from all over the US and Canada to help us with this study! If you would like to participate, we will send you a package with saliva swabs for DNA collection, a permission form and a questionnaire about your dog's medical history, along with packaging to send material back to us.



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WANTED

Dogs with Laryngeal Paralysis, Senior Labrador Retrievers and Golden Retrievers

The Study

Laryngeal paralysis is a disease that most commonly affects older (9-13+ years) Labrador Retrievers and Golden Retrievers, although other breeds can also be affected. The condition results in dogs having difficulty with breathing and mobility, which can become life-threatening.

Laryngeal paralysis is most commonly the result of a generalized progressive neurologic disease, meaning that the condition affects many nerves in the body, not just the nerve associated with the larynx (voice box).

Although we now know the condition is genetic (inherited), the specific gene mutation(s) is not known. This study focuses on understanding the genetic mutation(s) that results in laryngeal paralysis and the changes nerves undergo as a result of the disease.

Who Qualifies

There are 2 groups of dogs that currently qualify for the study:

- Any dog with laryngeal paralysis
- Any pure-bred Labrador Retriever or Golden Retriever over 12.5 years of age

What Happens

Dogs Who Can Visit Madison Wisconsin

Typically one visit to UW Veterinary Care, and no sedation is required. All patients receive a free neurologic examination from a board-certified small animal neurologist or surgeon. Blood will be collected for DNA analysis.

Owners are asked to provide pedigree or registration papers, if available.

Dogs without evidence of laryngeal paralysis may be asked to return for repeat examinations every 6-12 months, to assure they remain disease free.

Dogs Who Don't Live Near Madison Wisconsin

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Why Participate

This work is expected to result in the development of a genetic test for laryngeal paralysis. This test would be available for use by any veterinarian. A blood or saliva sample taken in puppyhood would identify dogs at risk for laryngeal paralysis. This will provide information for purchasing and breeding decisions and allow medical intervention to slow disease progression. Importantly, the results of this research in dogs are expected to help understand and inform treatment of human patients with a similar genetic disease.

More Information

If you are interested in participating in this study, please contact:

Dr. Susannah Sample in the UW Veterinary Care genetics laboratory at genetics@vetmed.wisc.edu

For more information visit:

<http://www.vetmed.wisc.edu/lab/corl>



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WANTED

Labrador Retrievers and Rottweilers for Study of Cruciate Rupture

The Study

The cranial cruciate ligament, also known as the ACL, is a major stabilizing structure in the knee of dogs and people. Non-contact cruciate rupture (rupture not associated with any known trauma) occurs in about 6% of Labrador Retrievers and 9% of Rottweilers. It is responsible for 20% of canine lameness and burdens U.S. pet owners with at least \$1 billion in healthcare costs each year. It is accepted that a majority of ruptures are not associated with trauma, but the reason dogs rupture their ligament is not known. It is likely that part of the risk that an animal has for developing this condition is genetic (inherited). We are working to determine the genetic contributions to the development of cruciate ligament rupture in dogs.

Who Qualifies

There are 2 groups of dogs that currently qualify for the study:

- Labrador Retrievers and Rottweilers with knee problems due to a torn cruciate ligament (torn ACL)
- Any Labrador Retriever or Rottweiler over 8 years of age

What Happens

This study requires one visit to UW Veterinary Care and no sedation is required. All patients receive a free orthopedic examination from a

board-certified surgeon. Free radiographs (x-rays) are taken of both knees. Blood is collected for DNA analysis. Owners are asked to provide pedigree or registration papers, if available.

Why Participate

This work is expected to result in the development of a genetic test for cruciate ligament rupture in dogs. This test would be available for use by any veterinarian. A blood or saliva sample taken in puppyhood would identify dogs at risk for non-contact cruciate rupture. This will provide information for purchasing and breeding decisions and allow medical intervention to slow disease progression.

Moreover, it has long been established that dogs and humans share a similar profile of diseases, and cruciate rupture is no exception. Evidence exists for genetic contribution to ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) rupture in humans. Therefore, it is possible that this research will contribute to human as well as veterinary medical knowledge. There is no charge to participate in this study.

More Information

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Rose City Labrador Retriever Club 2018 B-Match

Saturday, May 19, 2018



LOCATION

At the home of Scott & Judy Chambers – Ghoststone Labradors
10184 Ehlen RD NE, Aurora, OR

Judges: Conformation – Stacy Parsons
Sweepstakes – Molly Scoggins
Obedience and Rally – Donna Ford

Registration on day of show 8:30 to 9:30 AM
Judging starts at 10:00 AM

Pre-entries: \$5.00 first class, \$3.00 additional classes, Juniors \$3.00
Day of show entries: \$6.00 first class, \$4.00 additional classes, Juniors \$4.00

Pre-entries close May 16, 2018

Make checks payable to: RCLRC

Send to: Susan Huntzinger; 30940 SW Riverlane Rd; West Linn, OR 97068; susan@riverlanelabs.com

Show chair – Susan Huntzinger - susan@riverlanelabs.com

Sweepstakes:	Dogs/Bitches 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo, 12-15 mo, 15-18 mo
Conformation:	Dogs/Bitches 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo, 12-18 mo, Bred-By, Open
Juniors:	Novice and Open
Obedience:	Pre Novice, Novice, Open, Utility
Rally:	Novice, Advanced, Excellent

~ A potluck will follow the judging. Please bring a dish to share ~

Last names ending with A – M – Please bring salads

Last names ending with N – Z – Please bring desserts

The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments and drinks.

Directions

From I-5 North or South take the Donald/Aurora exit (exit #278)

Turn west onto Ehlen Rd and head toward Champoeg State Park (site of our Specialty)

Once you are on Ehlen Rd come approximately 2.2 miles.

You will go over a set of train tracks and past a truck weight station.

The drive is on the R (north side) of the road.

Green metal gate will be open, you will see a pond at the top of the drive.

If you miss our drive the next landmark is "Ryan Creek Wholesale Nursery" at this point the name of the road changes to Yergen from Ehlen.

If lost call Judy's cell phone 503-705-7099

Upcoming Membership Meeting



Come for our Field Day, Stay for our Meeting

March 31st

PSLRA is excited to be hosting a fun Field Day event at Greenleaf's in Monroe. The event is open to any interested party—bring your dogs, your puppy people, and your enthusiasm! Learn about the equipment and enjoy an introduction to basic training.

Please watch the website and LabChat for updated information.



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