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President's Message

What happened to basic life skills?

Some of you may know that I don't do a lot of obedience training with my dogs. As I told someone not long ago - I consider advanced obedience training with the same anticipation I would a root canal. If you were to ask most of my dogs to heel they would stand happily staring at you, tail wagging with a complete lack of understanding. However, I do require what I consider to be basic life skills from my dogs - come when called, no ALWAYS means no, don't jump on me, don't come through a doorway or gate without being invited, don't go through the garbage, don't counter surf, and one that always amazes me how many people let dogs get away with - don't pull on the leash.

I know, you're all asking why do we care what you do (or don't do) with your dogs, Stephanie? The answer is in the form of a question - What has happened to basic life skills for people? While the internet has made the world smaller, it has also isolated us from each other. Rather than starting the morning at the local coffee shop, we sign onto our email, instead of attending monthly meetings and socializing over dinner before the meeting begins we hold cyber meetings and conduct business by email. This certainly adds much convenience to our world - making it truly possible to be in two places at once. But aren't we losing something along the way?

I see many clubs, whether it be youth organizations, special interest, or hobby groups, struggling to maintain members who are willing and able to become involved in club activities. Of more concern I see individuals "saying" things through email that they would NEVER say face to face. This is not ok and can and does adversely affect the club. I hate to hear from our members that they are no longer interested in getting involved or volunteering at a function because of a past experience - and it does happen.

PSLRA has one of the best memberships I have ever been involved in. By and large I don't know of any group I would rather be associated with and I feel honored and privileged to be a part of PSLRA. As this world gets ever crazier, we get even busier, and things just seem to keep coming - please try to live the bumper sticker - "Lord Help me be the person that my dog thinks I am." Stephanie



IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 2, PSLRA Tracking Test, Bow, WA, Nina Mann, harbortop@netzero.net

Dec. 13, Holiday Party, Newport Yacht Club

Jan. 31, 2009 Dues deadline, Chantel Nahoopii, koalabs@msn.com

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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.

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club business

September board meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m. Sept. 24 at Issaquah Highlands Fire Station by President Stephanie Harris. In attendance: Stephanie Harris, Ron Perry, Jill Mahoney, Susie Sharp, Nina Mann, Lucy Isaacson-Logen., Jennifer Hajny, and Jan Palumbo. Guest: Ruth Palumbo, Jan's mother.

Officer Reports

Secretary: Minutes from 8-20-08 approved by e-mail. Received information about event ribbons from Winning Colors and from Hodges Paperwork from AKC for next year's specialty given to Jennifer.

Treasurer: IRS filing will occur tomorrow. Current balance in checking is \$26,528. (Note: This includes Fall Agility Trial income but not expenses.) Board is processing renewal of insurance.

Acknowledgements

—Many thanks to Fall HRT Chair, Ron Perry, Chief Marshal, Darlene Pado, and all of the club members who worked two and a half days on the event. Thanks to Mary Jane Sarbaugh for making a gift basket for the HRT and for procuring a gift to give to Cascade Kennel for hosting our health clinic this coming Sunday.

Committee Reports

Fall Hunt Test: Ron said that the event went smoothly and probably will break even. Help from club members who volunteered was greatly appreciated. Senior and junior entries were low, and lower than estimated in our budget. Board should discuss entry fees well before the premium lists are developed for next year's tests.

Fall Agility Trials: On track and good entries (up from 2007) according to Dave. Volunteers from the club will be greatly appreciated.

Specialty: Jennifer reported that the show committee held a debriefing meeting this month. The event ended with a \$740 positive balance. Shelah Frey did a good job holding down trophy expenses. The committee reviewed options for next year's show

site and recommends staying at Marymoor Park at least next year. The Tolt MacDonald Park site is not available in 2009. A motion to hold the 2009 Specialty at Marymoor Park was moved, seconded, and approved.

Annual Awards Banquet: Jennifer cannot chair due to a schedule conflict, but she will help the new chair prepare for it. Anyone interested in chairing should contact her or Stephanie.

Old Business

January 2009 Puyallup Cluster Supported Entry and Sweeps: All seems to be on track.

Show and Go: Set for Saturday, January 3, 2009, at Julie Germano's facility. A flyer will appear in the newsletter.

September 28 Health Clinic: Nina reported that the event is full. There are no more eye exams available. There is room for other exams, especially Optigen. So far 45 have registered for the EIC test and 31 for the CNM test. Due to the increasing popularity of the clinic and the demand for its tests/exams, the board discussed the possibility of holding another clinic in late winter/early spring, but with fewer test offerings. The board will continue to assess this question, and if anyone is interested in chairing such a clinic, they should contact Stephanie.

Annual Donation: Nina said she would have more information after the LRC national show next month.

New Business

Ribbon Orders: *Winning Colors* would like to provide ribbons for club events and reminds us that it needs a good deal of lead time in order to honor our requests.

Holiday Party: Event will be held at Newport Yacht Club in Bellevue Saturday, December 13.

Open Discussion

The board discussed options for improving the timeliness of annual membership renewals. It also reviewed alternatives for the distribution of the membership book next year.

Stephanie proposed dates for the board's fall planning meeting. Saturday, November 22 was set for the first meeting. Also, it was proposed that we hold a meeting near the start of next year involving all event chairs, to discuss job responsibilities. The board will continue to consider this.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 22 at the Issaquah Highlands fire station.

Health Clinic a Success

PSLRA's annual Health Clinic was held on Sunday, September 28, at Cascade Kennel in Woodinville. Chairs Nina Mann and Mary Jane Sarbaugh deemed it a great success, as this year two new tests were offered and the turnout for those was outstanding!

The numbers of dogs tested speak to the concern that our members have for the welfare and health of the breed. Dr. Thomas Sullivan from Animal Eye Clinic of Seattle checked 132 for CERF exams; Dr. JA Woodfield from Northwest Cardiology Consultants of Seattle performed 24 heart screenings; 34 dogs had DNA cheek swabs taken to test for Centronuclear Myopathy; 43 dogs had blood samples drawn to be tested for Exercise Induced Collapse; and blood samples for 13 Optigen tests were sent. In

addition, 10 dogs had microchips implanted. You can well imagine this does not come off without a dedicated group of willing volunteers! We owe a heartfelt thanks to our two member veterinarians, Drs Kristin Reiter and Laura Steward, who volunteered their time and expertise. Vet Tech Marlys Swanson was also invaluable at the blood draw station! Without the help of Jill Mahoney, Liz Skyllingstad and Chantel Nahoopii the day would have not gone as smoothly as it did. We are always indebted to Cascade Kennels who allow us the use of their beautiful facility at no cost. Thanks also to those who brought treats to share and to the many who helped out while they waited their turn at one of the stations.

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Hey! We're packed and ready to go. It's Hunting Season!

Braggs

New International CH - Intl. CH **Fawnhaven Molly Malone RN WC** owned by Rose Goche and Barb and Don Ironside finished her Intl. CH in Enumclaw on Oct. 19. She is now an All Around Lab and will be competing in the CD ring in November.

From Anne Swindeman, WindyCanyon Labs: It was a great mother/daughter weekend at the CBDTC/Richland KC obedience trials! Sonya (23 months old) finished her Rally Advanced (RA) title with a first place and also earned her second CD leg with a third place on Saturday and was the Highest Scoring Lab in trial. She finished her CD title with a second place on Sunday! Sonya is now **WindyCanyon Patent Nfringement CD JH RA**.—Not to be outdone, Sonya's mother, Fuji, put it all together in the Open Obed ring to earn her final leg with a third place for her CDX title! Fuji is **Int'l CH WindyCanyon's Sweetest Fuji CDX JH RN CC**.

Mainland Catch Me A Sailor JH WC, Sailor, went Winners Dog/ Best of Winners on Sept. 27 at Richland Kennel Club! He won the Open Yellow class again on Sept. 28.

Mainland Catch Me A Sailor JH WC, Sailor, won WD/BOW/BOB on Oct. 25 at Vancouver Kennel Club in Ridgefield, Wash. Sailor is owned and loved by Kristin and Andy Smith of Seaside Labrador. (BISS Am/Can CH. Ghoststones Boomtown JH RN x Can. CH. Mainland Singular Sensation), bred by Shelah Frey.

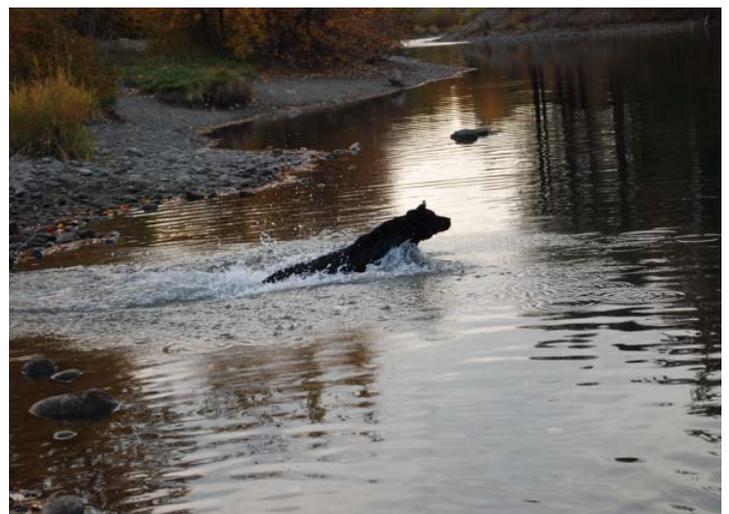
Int. CH. Cougar Creek Jazzy Josslyn (JJ), received her title Oct. 18-19 in Enumclaw, at the IABCA shows, by winning multiple Best of Breed and Best Bred by Exhibitor awards. JJ was bred by, and is adored by Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labrador.

Int. CH. Shilohs NorthernLights of Cougar Creek, received his title at the IABCA shows in Enumclaw, Oct. 18-19. Dewey was bred by Sherrie Petty, and is loved by Curt and Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labrador.

Int. CH. Aristes' Rusty Hudson of Cougar Creek, received his title at the IABCA shows Oct. 18-19 in Enumclaw. Hudson was bred by Bonnie Kellner, and is loved by Curt and Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labrador.

On Oct. 10, in Cloverdale, BC, our **Shilohs Northern Lights of Cougar Creek**, Dewey, was WD/BOW. Dewey was bred by Sherrie Petty, and is loved/handled by Curt and Cecilie Drege of Cougar Creek Labrador.

On Oct. 10, in Cloverdale, BC, our **Cougar Creek Jazzy Josslyn**, JJ, was RWB. JJ was bred by/loved/handled by Cecilie Drege of Cougar Creek Labrador



The smell of fall is in the air—last chance to get the puppies swimming.

The 2008 LRC National Specialty

Back in Atlanta for a week, I heard the phrase *y'all* more times than I have heard it in my entire life previously. I was also introduced to hush-puppies - delicious and addictive, Brunswick stew and white cornbread - so-so, 84 degree temperatures with 100 percent humidity - a good reason not to move to Georgia! But the folk were hospitable and friendly and except for one day of deluge, the weather was good for dogs.

The first day, the rain held off for the 199 Agility Labradors competing in their grass ring. One of the highlights was a retirement party for one bitch whose 10 offspring were running in the trial and who posed for the enclosed picture. Competition was fierce for the High in Trial awards from the 20" and 24" Excellent classes that ran over the two days.

Wednesday's weather did not cooperate. It rained on and off in the morning for the second agility trial, but held off for the noon Top 25 performance which was watched by many, many spectators. Sixteen dogs competed, including two rescue dogs and the two Labs who eventually were awarded the HIT awards. Shortly after this, Sweepstakes began, only to be halted by the downpour for half an hour. At this time the committee was on the way out to halt the ongoing obedience trial when a terrific bolt of lightning and almost simultaneous crash of thunder made the point for us. One dog, just completing his Stand For Examination is quite sure either his owner or the judge did it to him. He leaped several feet, but the kind judge said OK - he finished the exercise! Later that

novice obedience class finished and did their long sits and downs under the canopy of the now vacant agility tent.



Morningstar Labs



Fortunately, the weather moved on and the next two days were cloudy but not soggy. Judge Carl Liepmann found a lovely black bitch in the Open Black class for his Winners Bitch and Judge Heather Wiles-Fone found her Winners Dog in the Open Yellow class. Both choices were wildly popular with the ringside as was Heather's choice of a champion black bitch for Best of Breed.

The next day dawned sunny and crisp for the hunt test on beautiful grounds belonging to the owners of Entry Express and donated to the club. An entry of 97 Masters competed all weekend. While double senior and junior tests kept 43 seniors and 61 juniors busy on Saturday, with almost as many staying over for each test on Sunday. Also ongoing on a separate property was the Working Certificate test which drew 30 entries.

The field events climaxed the competition for Dog For All Reasons awards and the number of competitors grew again from last year to 24 this year, sponsored as usual by PSLRA. After the specialty, Julie Kirk and I stole an extra day and drove down to tour the Okefenokee Swamp park with its alligators and other fascinating swamp birds and reptiles, not forgetting Pogo! Next year the National Specialty moves to Illinois and the following year comes back west to southern California.

Labrador Retriever Breed Standard

As accepted by the American Kennel Club and parent club The Labrador Retriever Club

General Appearance

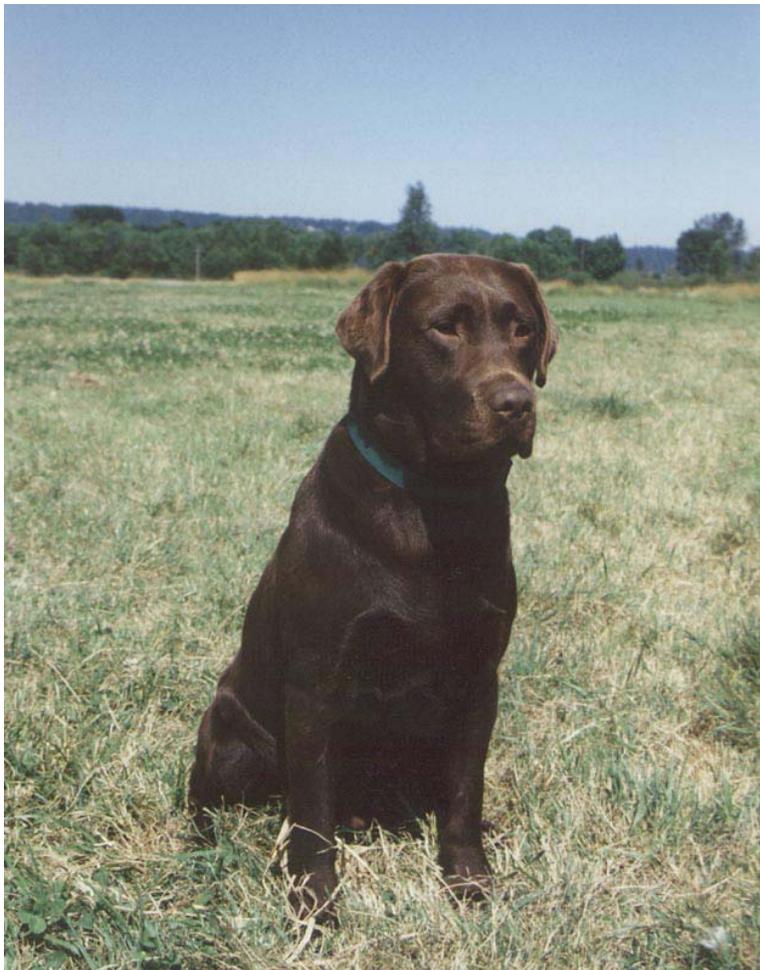
The Labrador Retriever is a strongly built, medium-sized, short-coupled, dog possessing a sound, athletic, well-balanced conformation that enables it to function as a retrieving gun dog; the substance and soundness to hunt waterfowl or upland game for long hours under difficult conditions; the character and quality to win in the show ring; and the temperament to be a family companion. Physical features and mental characteristics should denote a dog bred to perform as an efficient Retriever of game with a stable temperament suitable for a variety of pursuits beyond the hunting environment.

The most distinguishing characteristics of the Labrador Retriever are its short, dense, weather resistant coat; an “otter” tail; a clean-cut head with broad back skull and moderate stop; powerful jaws; and its “kind,” friendly eyes, expressing character, intelligence and good temperament.

Above all, a Labrador Retriever must be well balanced, enabling it to move in the show ring or work in the field with little or no effort. The typical Labrador possesses style and quality without over refinement, and substance without lumber or cloddiness. The Labrador is bred primarily as a working gun dog; structure and soundness are of great importance.

Size, Proportion and Substance

Size—The height at the withers for a dog is 22½ to 24½ inches; for a bitch is 21½ to 23½ inches. Any variance greater than ½ inch above or below these heights is a disqualification. Approximate weight of dogs and bitches in working condition: dogs 65 to 80 pounds; bitches 55 to 70 pounds.



The minimum height ranges set forth in the paragraph above shall not apply to dogs or bitches under twelve months of age.

Proportion—Short-coupled; length from the point of the shoulder to the point of the rump is equal to or slightly longer than the distance from the withers to the ground. Distance from the elbow to the ground should be equal to one half of the height

at the withers. The brisket should extend to the elbows, but not perceptibly deeper. The body must be of sufficient length to permit a straight, free and efficient stride; but the dog should never appear low and long or tall and leggy in outline. *Substance*—Substance and bone proportionate to the overall dog. Light, “weedy” individuals are definitely incorrect; equally objectionable are cloddy lumbering specimens. Labrador Retrievers shall be shown in working condition well-muscled and without excess fat.

Head

Skull—The skull should be wide; well developed but without exaggeration. The skull and foreface should be on parallel planes and of approximately equal length. There should be a moderate stop—the brow slightly pronounced so that the skull is not absolutely in a straight line with the nose. The brow ridges aid in defining the stop. The head should be clean-cut and free from fleshy cheeks; the bony structure of the skull chiseled beneath the eye with no prominence in the cheek. The skull may show some median line; the occipital bone is not conspicuous in mature dogs. Lips should not be squared off or pendulous, but fall away in a curve toward the throat. A wedge-shape head, or a head long and narrow in muzzle and back skull is incorrect as are massive, cheeky heads. The jaws are powerful and free from snippiness—

the muzzle neither long and narrow nor short and stubby. *Nose*—The nose should be wide and the nostrils well-developed. The nose should be black on black or yellow dogs, and brown on chocolates. Nose color fading to a lighter shade is not a fault. A thoroughly pink nose or one lacking in any pigment is a disqualification. *Teeth*—The teeth should be strong and regular with a scissors bite; the lower teeth just behind, but touching the inner side of the upper incisors. A level bite is acceptable, but not desirable. Undershot, overshot, or misaligned teeth are serious faults. Full dentition is preferred. Missing molars or pre-molars are serious faults. *Ears*—The ears should hang moderately close to the head, set rather far back, and somewhat low on the skull; slightly above eye level. Ears should not be large and heavy, but in proportion with the skull and reach to the inside of the eye when pulled forward. *Eyes*—Kind, friendly eyes imparting good temperament, intelligence and alertness are a hallmark of the breed. They should be of medium size, set well apart, and neither protruding nor deep set. Eye color should be brown in black and yellow Labradors, and brown or hazel in chocolates. Black, or yellow eyes give a harsh expression and are undesirable. Small eyes, set close together or round prominent eyes are not typical of the breed. Eye rims are black in black and yellow Labradors; and brown in chocolates. Eye rims without pigmentation is a disqualification.

Neck, Topline and Body

Neck—The neck should be of proper length to allow the dog to retrieve game easily. It should be muscular and free from throatiness. The neck should rise strongly from the shoulders with a moderate arch. A short, thick neck or a “ewe” neck is incorrect. *Topline*—The back is strong and the topline is level from the withers to the croup when standing or moving. However, the loin should show evidence of flexibility for athletic endeavor. *Body*—The Labrador should be short-coupled, with good spring of ribs tapering to a moderately wide chest. The Labrador should not be narrow chested; giving the appearance of hollowness between the front legs, nor should it have a wide spreading, bulldog-like front. Correct chest conformation will result in tapering between the front legs that allows unrestricted forelimb movement. Chest breadth that is either too wide or too narrow for efficient movement and stamina is incorrect. Slab-sided individuals are not typical of the breed; equally objectionable are rotund or barrel chested specimens. The underline is almost straight, with little or no tuck-up in mature animals. Loins should be short, wide and strong; extending to well developed, powerful hindquarters. When viewed from the side, the Labrador Retriever shows a well-developed, but not exaggerated forechest. *Tail*—The tail is a distinguishing feature

of the breed. It should be very thick at the base, gradually tapering toward the tip, of medium length, and extending no longer than to the hock. The tail should be free from feathering and clothed thickly all around with the Labrador’s short, dense coat, thus having that peculiar rounded appearance that has been described as the “otter” tail. The tail should follow the topline in repose or when in motion. It may be carried gaily, but should not curl over the back. Extremely short tails or long thin tails are serious faults. The tail completes the balance of the Labrador by giving it a flowing line from the top of the head to the tip of the tail. Docking or otherwise altering the length or natural carriage of the tail is a disqualification.

Forequarters

Forequarters should be muscular, well coordinated and balanced with the hindquarters. *Shoulders*—The shoulders are well laid-back, long and sloping, forming an angle with the upper arm of approximately 90 degrees that permits the dog to move his forelegs in an easy manner with strong forward reach. Ideally, the length of the shoulder blade should equal the length of the upper arm. Straight shoulder blades, short upper arms or heavily muscled or loaded shoulders, all restricting free movement, are incorrect. *Front Legs*—When viewed from the front, the legs should be straight with good strong bone. Too much bone is as undesirable as too little bone, and short legged, heavy boned individuals are not typical of the breed. Viewed from the side, the elbows should be directly under the withers, and the front legs should be perpendicular to the ground and well under the body. The elbows should be close to the ribs without looseness. Tied-in elbows or being “out at the elbows” interfere with free movement and are serious faults. Pasterns should be strong and short and should slope slightly from the perpendicular line of the leg. Feet are strong and compact, with well-arched toes and well-developed pads. Dew claws may be removed. Splayed feet, hare feet, knuckling over, or feet turning in or out are serious faults.

Hindquarters

The Labrador’s hindquarters are broad, muscular and well-developed from the hip to the hock with well-turned stifles and strong short hocks. Viewed from the rear, the hind legs are straight and parallel. Viewed from the side, the angulation of the rear legs is in balance with the front. The hind legs are strongly boned, muscled with moderate angulation at the stifle, and powerful, clearly defined thighs. The stifle is strong and there is no slippage of the patellae while in motion or when standing. The hock joints are strong, well let down and do not slip or hyper-extend while in motion or when standing. Angulation of both stifle and hock joint is such as to achieve the optimal balance of

drive and traction. When standing the rear toes are only slightly behind the point of the rump. Over angulation produces a sloping topline not typical of the breed. Feet are strong and compact, with well-arched toes and well-developed pads. Cow-hocks, spread hocks, sickle hocks and over-angulation are serious structural defects and are to be faulted.

Coat

The coat is a distinctive feature of the Labrador Retriever. It should be short, straight and very dense, giving a fairly hard feeling to the hand. The Labrador should have a soft, weather-resistant undercoat that provides protection from water, cold and all types of ground cover. A slight wave down the back is permissible. Woolly coats, soft silky coats, and sparse slick coats are not typical of the breed, and should be severely penalized.

Color

The Labrador Retriever coat colors are black, yellow and chocolate. Any other color or a combination of colors is a disqualification. A small white spot on the chest is permissible, but not desirable. White hairs from aging or scarring are not to be misinterpreted as brindling. *Black*—Blacks are all black. A black with brindle markings or a black with tan markings is a disqualification. *Yellow*—Yellows may range in color from fox-red to light cream, with variations in shading on the ears, back, and underparts of the dog. *Chocolate*—Chocolates can vary in shade from light to dark chocolate. Chocolate with brindle or tan markings is a disqualification.

Movement

Movement of the Labrador Retriever should be free and effortless. When watching a dog move toward oneself, there should be no sign of elbows out. Rather, the elbows should be held neatly to the body with the legs not too close together. Moving straight forward without pacing or weaving, the legs should form straight lines, with all parts moving in the same plane. Upon viewing the dog from the rear, one should have the impression that the hind legs move as nearly as possible in a parallel line with the front legs. The hocks should do their full share of the work, flexing well, giving the appearance of power and strength. When viewed from the side, the shoulders should move freely and effortlessly, and the foreleg should reach forward close to the ground with extension. A short, choppy movement or high knee action indicates a straight shoulder; paddling indicates long, weak pasterns; and a short, stilted rear gait indicates a straight rear assembly; all are serious faults. Movement faults interfering with performance including weaving; side-winding; crossing over; high knee action; paddling; and short, choppy movement, should be severely penalized.

Temperament

True Labrador Retriever temperament is as much a hallmark of the breed as the “otter” tail. The ideal disposition is one of a kindly, outgoing, tractable nature; eager to please and non-aggressive towards man or animal. The Labrador has much that appeals to people; his gentle ways, intelligence and adaptability make him an ideal dog. Aggressiveness towards humans or other animals, or any evidence of shyness in an adult should be severely penalized.

Disqualifications

1. *Any deviation from the height prescribed in the Standard.*
2. *A thoroughly pink nose or one lacking in any pigment.*
3. *Eye rims without pigment.*
4. *Docking or otherwise altering the length or natural carriage of the tail.*
5. *Any other color or a combination of colors other than black, yellow or chocolate as described in the Standard.*

Approved February 12, 1994

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PSLRA Annual Membership Banquet January 10, 2009 at the Muckleshoot Casino

Remember last year...great food, laughter...and the "duck call"?
Let's do it again!
Come get to know your PSLRA family.



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

PSLRA Banquet Reservation for:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of club members attending: _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Number of non-club members attending: _____ x \$29.50 = \$ _____

Total amount due: \$ _____

Name and age of minors who are attending:

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Mail forms and payment to:

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****This is a commitment to pay reservation. Cancellations must be made by January 2 or you will be expected to pay whether you attend or not.*



LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 10/26/08 that conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics. Information is as submitted by owners and provided as a service to the public. Listings of litters are in no way an endorsement by PSLRA of any litter or any one litter over another. Litters are removed from the list after three months.

To publish **LITTER LISTINGS** in the newsletter, the following information **must be available**

- Elbows and hips must be certified on both the sire and dam. Dogs and bitches whelped before 5/1/87 are exempt from elbow clearance requirements and will be marked OFEL N/A. Prelims are not acceptable! The board has recently agreed to accept PennHip clearances that score in the 50th percentile or higher, passing Wind-Morgan clearances, and clearances from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in Canada. Female Labradors (bitches) with a Wind-Morgan, Penn Hip, or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 20 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance. Male Labradors (dogs) with a Wind-Morgan, 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 37th 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 5/22/08 (Available: 1CM, 1CF)

Sire: Sunnysdaze Plain Brown Raptor
 OFA 24F, OFEL 24, ACVO 4/24/08, Optigen Normal/Clear,
 OFA Heart
 Dam: Gemstones Justice For All, RN CGC
 OFA 26E, OFEL 26, ACVO 3/2/08, Optigen Normal/Clear
 Litter: 2CF, 4CM
 Contact: Terri Viotti (509) 575-4729 Yakima, WA
 Listed: 5/12/08, 6/1/08, 7/21/08, 8/27/08

Litter Born 7/21/08 (Available: 1 BM, 1YM, 1YF)

Sire: Cimarron Runnin In The Rain
 OFA 26G, OFEL 26, ACVO 6/17/07, OFA Heart
 Dam: Cimarron Bright Star
 OFA 25F, OFEL 25, ACVO 6/17/07, OFA Heart
 Litter: 3BM, 1YM, 2BF, 2YF
 Contact: Laura Steward DVM (360) 731-9017 Day
 (425)978-4742 Evening
 Email: laura@cimarronfarm.com Ethel, WA
 Listed 7/29/08, 9/16/08

Litter Born 7/27/08 (Available: 2YM)

Sire: Cimarron Sam I Am of Cougar Creek
 OFA 24E, OFEL 24, ACVO 5/29/07, OFA Heart
 Dam: Skyfire Cimarrons Redy Or Not
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 6/17/07, OFA Heart
 Litter: 5YM, 1YF
 Contact: Laura Steward DVM (360)731-9017 Day
 (425)978-4742 Evening
 Email: laura@cimarronfarm.com Ethel, WA
 Listed 7/29/08, 9/16/08

Litter Born 8/28/08 (Available: 3BM, 2YM)

Sire: CH. Blackthorn Floats My Boat
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 1/30/08
 Dam: Sunrise Desert Rose
 OFA 30G, OFEL 30, ACVO 8/8/07
 Litter: 3BM, 2YM
 Contact: Katie Somers (509)787-6093 Quincy, WA
 Email: Katie_Somers@msn.com
 Listed: 8/27/08, 9/16/08

Litter Born 9/26/08 (Available: 1YM)

Sire: CH Snowberry Blackthorn Bravissimo
 OFA 25G, OFEL 25, CERF 3/08
 Dam: Intl Ch Wyntercreek Ryder At Blu Top, CD JH CGC
 OFA 25G, OFEL 25, ACVO 9/07
 Litter: 3YM, 6YF
 Contact: Jennifer Hajny or MaryJane Sarbaugh
 (509)962-8579
 Email: blutopfarms@hotmail.com Ellensburg, WA
 Listed: 10/11/08

Litter Born 9/30/08 (Available: 1BF)

Sire: Mar-Moye Low Country Gullah, JH
 OFA 24E, OFEL 24, ACVO 11/29/07, OFA Heart
 Dam: Intl CH Clovercreek Rock U Like A Hurricane, JH
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 2/24/08
 Litter: 2BF, 2YF, 1YM, 1YM
 Contact: Kimberly Dotson (253) 538-7972 Home
 (253) 278-1116 Cell
 Email: clovercreeklabs@msn.com Tacoma, WA
 Listed: 7/29/08, 9/30/08, 10/11/08

Litter Expected 10/15/08 (Available: 2 CF, 5 CM)

Sire: Am/Intl Ch Belgairn Tom Jones
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/08, OFA Heart, Optigen
 Normal/Clear
 Dam: Can/Intl Ch Daybreaks Chocolate Splash at Koa, CD JH
 WC OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 11/08, Optigen Normal/
 Clear, EIC Clear
 Contact: Chantel Nahoopii (360) 724-5227 (evening)
 (360) 770-0637 (day/cell)
 Email: koalabs@msn.com Sedro Woolley, WA
 Listed: 10/11/08

Litter Expected in November (Expecting all yellows)

Sire: Shilohs Northern Lights of Cougar Creek
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 9/23/07, OFA Cardiac
 Dam: Int. Ch. Cougar Creek Smooth Jazz
 OFA 24E, OFEL 24, CERF 8/15/08, OFA Cardiac
 Contact: Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456
 Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com Arlington, WA
 Website: www.cougarcreeklabs.com
 Listed: 9/24/08

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 perspective buyers any known health and/or temperament issues and are on file with the Breeder Listing Chairperson.

These dogs are usually well socialized, frequently have some training, and are very desirable as companions. These dogs may not meet either owner's requirements for show or field performance or the code of ethics for breeding. Prospective buyers are encouraged to ask whether these older dogs have acceptable clearances on eyes, hips, and elbows and the reason why the dog is being placed. The listing of other dogs in no way constitutes an endorsement by PSLRA. Price will vary.

Chocolate Male, 12 months (neutered)

Dude is a 12 month old, neutered, chocolate male Labrador. He is very a very sweet and happy boy. Dude has had obedience work and he sits, comes, heels, is house broken, crate trained and is good with other dogs, people, and kids. Both parents have all their clearances.

Contact: Stephanie Harris, (509) 929-5227

Email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com Ellensburg, WA

Website: www.skyfirelabs.com

Listed: 7/8/08, 7/21/08

Black Male, 2 years (neutered)

Black male born March 3, 2006. Big 'ole sweet boy looking for some kids to make his life complete. Basic companion obedience, sleeps in crate, walks on lead, comes when called and licks like a champ. Has not been taught to retrieve, but loves to chase rabbits. Gets along well with other Labs. No health issues.

Contact: Sharon Edwards (360)341-1422

Email: sharay@whidbey.com Langley, WA

Listed: 7/29/08, 8/27/08

Chocolate female 3 years (must be spayed)

Beautiful girl, microchipped, current on vaccinations. She has OFA elbows, hips, CERF and cardiac clearances. Some basic obedience. Very healthy and sound.

Contact: Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456

Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com Arlington, WA

Listed: 8/16/08

Yellow male, 22 months (intact)

Luke is crate trained, has basic obedience and loves to retrieve. He has been shown and would make a great companion and hunter with more training. He loves the water! Very athletic and could also make a good agility dog. Current on shots. No health issues.

Contact: Katie Somers (509)787-6093

Email: Katie_Somers@msn.com Quincy, WA

Listed: 8/27/08

Chocolate male, 7 years (intact)

Chip is a titled Senior Hunter with a working personality.

Contact: Sylvia Weber (253)846-5227

Email: fllweber@netzero.com

Eatonville, WA

Listed: 9/16/08

Black male, 18 months (intact)

Optigen A, CERF, Prelim OFA Clear elbows, good hips. Car, crate and obedience trained. Won 6-9 month class at LRC National Specialty, RWD at BCLRC Specialty. Full registration in Canada. AVID and CKC microchipped.

Contact: Shelah Frey (425) 643-6884

Email: shelahfrey@comcast.net

Bellevue, WA

Website: www.mainlandlabradors.com

Listed: 10/11/08



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