

# The Retriever Believer

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Its Summer. As you can tell by the plethora of brags and absence of news, we're busy! Go get out there with your dogs. Show. Play. Fetch. Put down the pocket computer and engage with your dogs, your friends and your family. Appreciate all you have and count your blessings, because we never know what the future may bring. Some of us have learned that lesson the hard way. Some of us have yet to learn. Tomorrow is no guarantee and one single event could alter the course of your life.

While at a dog show last weekend, I was talking with a friend. Her daughter is a junior handler and will often help me show Brach. They had left their puppy at home that day as he was going through growth spurts and decided to just take the Junior Showmanship dog. I'm certain that is a decision that will haunt her until the day she takes her final rest. You see, that evening as she visited with dog show friends and prepared to spend the night away from home, she received news that her house was on fire. The firefighters tried their best to save the stud dog and her cat, but both succumbed to the horrific effects of smoke inhalation. The pup was in an impossible situation and had already perished, as did the family's rats. The only animal that could be saved was their fourteen-year-old dog. She was hospitalized in intensive care. Six thousand dollars later, (money the family didn't really have to spend) she was released—who knows how long it will be before her stomach cancer takes her from them too.

The house was a total loss. Everything is gone. They have no clothes, no blankets, no food. Their photos and special memorabilia is lost. My little friend is obviously heartbroken over the loss of her dogs, but, being a young child, she was also lamenting the loss of her best junior handler ribbons. None of these can be replaced. Fortunately, we have an amazing community and network of caring people who are helping until insurance comes through, but nothing can compensate for the loss of life this family has had to endure. Hug your dogs. Tell them you love them. Throw the ball when they drop it at your feet. Turn off the television and take a walk. We are never guaranteed tomorrow. Rest easy Walter, Tonic, PawPaw and rattie babes.

*Kris*

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# 2021 Calendar of Events

August 18	Board Meeting
August 28-29	Hunt Test Carnation, WA
September 15	Board Meeting
September 26	Health Clinic Jax Dog Drop Issaquah, WA
October 20	Board Meeting
November 5-7	Agility Trial Argus Ranch Black Diamond, WA
November 17	Board Meeting
December 15	Board Meeting
January 15	Rally Trial

## 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.

*The Retriever Believer* is published monthly by the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association. Non-member subscriptions are \$20/year. Contributions in the form of articles, letters or money are always welcome. Letters to the editor should not exceed one page of typeset in the newsletter. It is our goal to provide an open forum where members can present their views to the club. The editor and the board of directors reserve the right to decline publication of advertising and other material submitted for publication. *The Retriever Believer* will publish brags (free) and Puppy Referral Litter Listings provided a club member owns either the sire or the dam and a \$10 listing fee has been paid to Puppy Referral. All litter listings and litter advertising must comply with the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

Membership in the PSLRA is open to anyone interested in Labrador retrievers. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals, \$25 for families. Junior memberships are \$10 (for a separate listing in the membership book and a separate newsletter). Please note that new members require the signature of two sponsors on the application form. Requests for information, applications and/or payment of dues should be addressed to:

**Membership:** [membership@pslra.org](mailto:membership@pslra.org)



# IMPORTANT—Apply ASAP (ie TODAY!)



**HURRY!!!**  
**Deadline is**  
**September 7th!!!**

Promoting the All-Around Labrador  
**ANNUAL ALL-AROUND & VERSATILITY DOG AWARDS**  
Application for All-Around or Versatility Awards

I would like to apply for an All-around Labrador or a Versatility Award (circle one) for:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT full name of dog including titles)

Who for an All-around award has:

- A) earned an AKC, CKC, International or other conformation championship
- B) earned an AKC, CKC or other Obedience or Rally, Tracking or Agility title
- C) earned a Working Certificate, or AKC, CKC, or other hunt test title or a JAM at a licensed field trial

OR, for a Versatility Award has earned a title in any three of the following areas:  
(AKC, CKC or other organization approved by the Board of directors)

Obedience or Rally,  
Tracking, Barn Hunt or Nose Work  
Agility, Dock Diving  
Hunt Test or Field Trial  
Weight Pull or similar  
Coursing, Fast Cat or similar  
Therapy Dog Certification

Name of Member/Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Member/Breeder (for All-AROUND  
only)\_\_\_\_\_

Please copies of all certificates for 2021 to  
Mary Jane Sarbaugh. [labsix@whidbey.com](mailto:labsix@whidbey.com). 360-221-6121 for info

Deadline is September 7, 2021 to be included in the LRC NATIONAL CATALOG

# First Aid Training Opportunity



www.CascadeRetrievers.com  
425-330-4228



www.KlahayaVet.com  
360-282-1002

## Canine First Aid Seminar

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Saturday,  
Sept. 11th, 2021

17126 WA-203  
Monroe, WA 98272

Dr. Anders Thoreson of Klahaya Animal Hospital in Snohomish will be giving a presentation on canine first aid just as the hunting season will be kicking off.

Huge thanks to our sponsors for donations to the raffle!!!

- Heat Exhaustion
- Hypothermia
- Snake Bite
- Insect Stings
- Porcupine Quills
- Essential equipment
- And More

Advanced Tickets for sale at [www.CascadeRetrievers.com](http://www.CascadeRetrievers.com)

All proceeds will be donated to:



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Retriever Club



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Retriever Club



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# *HT Volunteers Needed!*

## *The PSLRA Hunt Test is fast approaching!*

Do you need to fulfill your volunteer requirement for the breeders' list?  
Perhaps you would like to learn more about hunt tests?

The PSLRA Hunt Test is August 28-29 in Carnation.  
Anyone interested in  
volunteering can contact:

Hunt Test Chairperson, Liz Gibson  
[liz@telopealabs](mailto:liz@telopealabs)  
(206) 354-6569

Or Chief Marshal, Jean Fowler  
[fernhaven@comcast.net](mailto:fernhaven@comcast.net)



# We still NEED You!

## PSLRA WORKING CERTIFICATE CHAIRPERSON

[DOWNLOAD THE WC RULES FROM THE LRC WEBSITE](#)

### 1. **Select Date**

Date is dependent on conflicts with PSLRA events and grounds availability (suggest May - October)

### 2. **Select Location**

Jerry Leitch property; Monroe, WA - Jerry does not charge for property use but availability is limited contact: 206-999-7017

Cherry Valley Wildlife Area - available from April through Sept. 1; requires use permit

Contact WDFW in Mill Creek 425-775-1311 Cost \$50 - parking permit required

Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds - may not need to reserve - \$15/dog for each entrant

Scattercreek Wildlife Area - possible if water is available- Contact WDFW in Ridgefield 360-696-6211 for test in Central WA location

### 3. **Present budget to PSLRA board:**

Income: expected number of entrants x registration fee (determined by bird cost and grounds cost)

Expenses:

Cost of grounds

Cost of Sani-can

Cost of popper shells and live ammo

Cost of birds

Judges gift

Possible gift to property owner

Printing and paper

Cost of moving trailer if needed

Hospitality (optional)



4. **Birds:** Contact club field chair for advice in obtaining pigeons. Field chair contact information is available in the newsletter and on the web page. Possible source of information: Pat Murphy 206-660-6890. Ducks or chukars can be ordered from Wendy Henslinger of Westwind Farms 509-322-1917. Ducks are approx. \$15/each

5. **Judges:** Arrange for two judges (at least one AKC approved )- make judges books (sample in folder) Check with the club field chair for advice if needed or refer to the AKC website under Events, retriever judges directory for local judges.

6. Put flyer together (sample flyer in folder)

7. Arrange for 2-3 gunners - contact field chair for information

8. When taking registrations send the checks to the club treasurer. Be sure to keep a record of the check numbers and amounts as back up.

9. Obtain an insurance certificate from Jan Skewes - this should be done as soon as date and location are scheduled.

10. Make a running order (acts as a catalog)

11. Make certificates (sample in folder)

12. Workers needed: gunners, marshals, 2-4 pop and throw workers,

13. Arrange for club trailer to be delivered

14. On site you will need garbage bags, holding blinds in the trailer, bird rack, club sign, LRC certificate information

15. Keep track of club workers and send to membership chair

16. Submit your expenses to the treasurer

17. Write up for the newsletter - be sure to take pictures

# Health Clinic

## PSLRA HEALTH CLINIC - FOR MEMBERS ONLY

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE ONLINE...THERE WILL BE NO DAY OF MONEY EXCHANGED!



**Sunday, September 26, 2020**  
**Jax Dog Drop in Issaquah, WA**



**Dr. Nathan Kice- Ophthalmologist**  
**Genetic Eye Screens only**  
**No medical cases or eye injuries**  
**\$35.00 per dog**

**Dr. Jerry Woodfield - Cardiologist**  
**Echocardiogram \$200.00**  
**Auscultation only \$40.00**

The clinic is scheduled from 9-2. Dr. Woodfield expects to be there until 3-4 pm if most exams are echos, which is usually the case.

Time frames for scheduling are every hour, starting at 9:00. The scheduled groups are 9-10, 10-11, 11-12, 12-1, 1-2. This will be the hour we hope to have your exams done in, so please arrive a little BEFORE your assigned hour to get checked in and eyes dropped. Everyone will stay at/in your car. We will have a club member come and drop your dogs' eyes and take them in for the exams. There will be one runner per doctor.

### ***Procedure for clinic sign up:***

Contact Laura Steward, at [lauras@cimarronfarm.com](mailto:lauras@cimarronfarm.com). Email only, no texts please. Signups will be first come/first served, taken in the order that they are received.

Please include:

- Your name
- Cell phone #
- Number of eye exams
- Number of heart exams & if they are Echos or Auscultations
- Your preferred time frame. First and second choice at least.

I will reply with a confirmation and a time for you, and then will send you the information to sign up your dogs online. Please be patient it may take me a few days to get everyone a time slot. Please let Jill Mahoney or me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Laura Steward DVM  
*PSLRA Health Clinic Chairperson*  
Cimarron Farm  
360-978-4742 house  
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# Brags



International Champion Country Classic's I'll Take  
The Dirt Road RN OA OAJ NF CGCTKN RATS CC WC



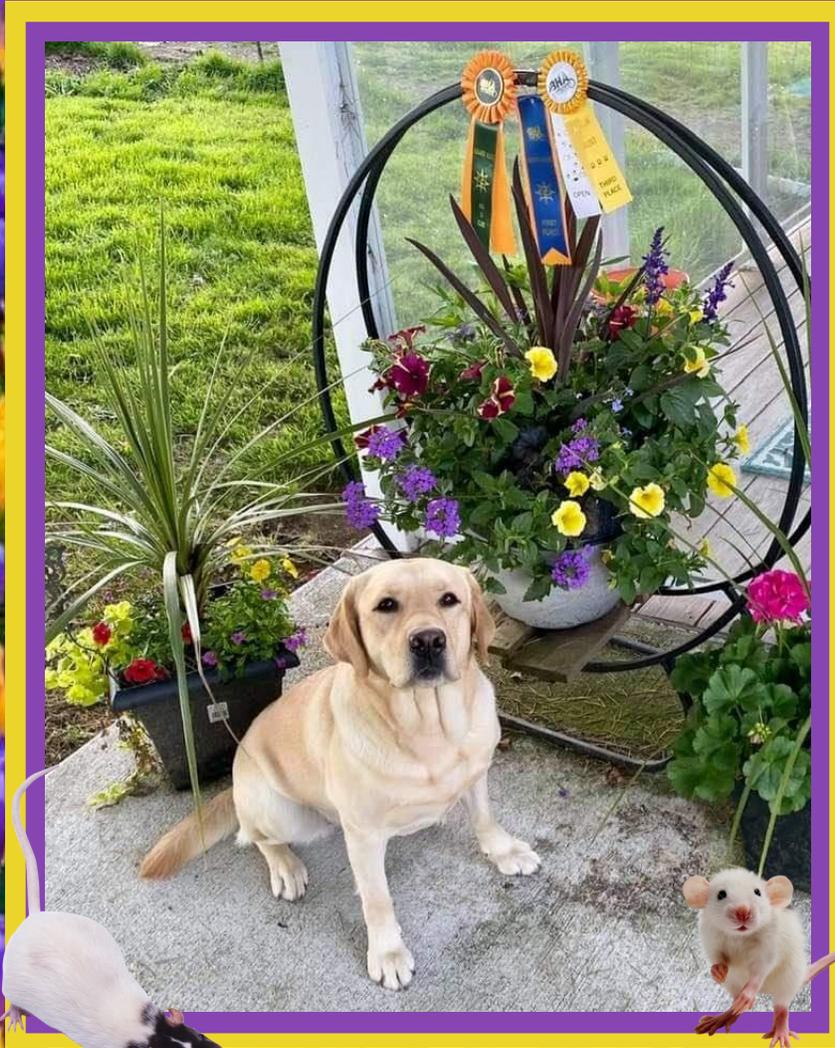
## Sawyer

Sawyer had a very good barn hunt weekend at Schasam Farm at his first trial since the end of 2019. He earned **two 1st places**, one **High in Class**, and his **Senior title**. He is a rat hunting machine. Good Boy, Sawyer. He is now starting to compete in Masters with the big kids!

*Proudly owned by Julie Germano*



## Country Classic's That Girl RATN RN RI NJP NFP ACT<sub>1</sub> ACT<sub>2</sub>



### Marlo

Marlo had a very good barn hunt weekend at Schasam Farms. In her first trial since the end of 2019, she earned 2 open barn hunt legs. One was a **1st place High in Class** and the other was a 3rd place. Marlo, being a social butterfly, showed off those skills, as well. Unfortunately, there is no prize for that set of skills and does take away time from her run. That girl.....

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## Koa's What's One More RN



## Party

Koa's What's One More is starting to make her splash in the show and performance ring. She qualified both days at the English Cocker trial with a 93 and 2nd place Saturday and Sunday with 97 and 4th place. She followed it at the Western Washington Cluster scoring a 90 and another 4th place to earn her **Rally Obedience - Novice title**. Her "for fun" leg on Saturday was a score of 98 and 2nd place. The show ring was a success as well, she was **Reserve Winner's bitch** from the 9-12 class, 2 of the 4 days entered.

# Braggs

International CH Country Classic's Rumor Has It  
CD PCDX CDX BN RA NA AXP AJP NF XFP CC WC



New Title—CDX



New Title—AJP  
New Title—AXP

## Rumor

Rumor was a rock star at the Samoyed Agility Trial. She earned two Time to Beat qualifies, a 1<sup>st</sup> place and Title in *Excellent Jumpers Preferred*, and a 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in *Excellent Standard Preferred* for the weekend. Then the PSLRA Agility Trial happened, where she earned a 1<sup>st</sup> place and Title in *Excellent Standard Preferred*, and her first points toward a PACH in *Master Standard Preferred*. Rumor belongs to the CCK agility "loan a Lab" club and she and Janine are developing a strong working team. Not just a one trick pony, Rumor also earned her *CDX* with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Cascade English Cocker show. At 9, Rumor is reaching her prime!

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RATN RN RI NAP NJP NFP ACT<sub>1</sub> ACT<sub>2</sub>



New Title—NAP

# Marlo

Marlo earned her 3<sup>rd</sup> and final leg with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place for her Novice Standard Preferred Title in agility at the Samoyed Agility Trial. She also earned her first leg of Open Jumpers Preferred with a 1<sup>st</sup> place. At the PSLRA Agility Trial she earned her 1<sup>st</sup> leg of Open Standard Preferred with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Now let's work on realizing that being a Social Butterfly is not an agility title.

Good girlie.

# Braggs

International Champion Country Classic's I'll Take  
The Dirt Road RN OA OAJ NF CGC TKN RATS CC WC



Sawyer

Sawyer did a thing at the PSLRA Agility Trial. He earned his first T2B preferred qualify and then *1st places* in both Excellent Standard Preferred and Excellent Jumpers Preferred. Despite the heat, the boy managed to keep it together. As the trial chair would say "Go Labrador"!

# Bragg

## RACEA CA RATN Multi BPIS/RBPIS CH SunDog Don't Call Me Nymphadora CGCTKI SPOT-ON



## Tonks

Tonks brought "it" with her to the 2021 United Kennel Club Premier National Show in Kalamazoo, Michigan this June. I couldn't be more proud of all she has accomplished!

- Reserve Champion United Retriever Club specialty
  - Champion of Champions Premier Day 5
- Precision Coursing Novice (RACEN) - NEW TITLE!
- Precision Coursing Advanced (RACEA) - NEW TITLE!
  - Precision Coursing Superior legs - 2
  - Coursing Aptitude (CA) - NEW TITLE!
  - Coursing Aptitude Excellent legs - 5

Proudly bred, shown and loved immensely by Kristen Reiter

# Brags

CA RACES UWP URO<sub>3</sub> UCD WBC-B  
UMBIS UMRBIS UBISS EGCH Sunnydaze For Peep's Sake  
BN PCD CD RE FDC RATN CGCA CGCU TKE THDN SPOT-ON

Premier Nationals  
Best of Breed  
2021



Total Retriever  
Total Dog  
4 New Titles

**DOGS THAT DO MORE.™**

## Brach

- Total Retriever recognition - United Retriever Club specialty
- Reserve Grand Champion Premier National Show Day 3
- **BEST OF BREED Premier National Show** Day 4
- Weight Pull qualifying pull - 5 points for her Weight Pull Championship and a leg for her Versatile Puller Novice title (only one more to go!!!)
  - Rally Obedience 3 (two legs) - NEW TITLE!
    - **TOTAL DOG AWARD!!!!**
    - Judge's cut for Total Dog Gun Dog group
  - Precision Coursing Advanced (RACEA) - NEW TITLE!
  - Precision Coursing Superior (RACES) - NEW TITLE!
    - Coursing Aptitude (CA) - NEW TITLE!

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