

# The Retriever Believer



Monthly Newsletter of the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association

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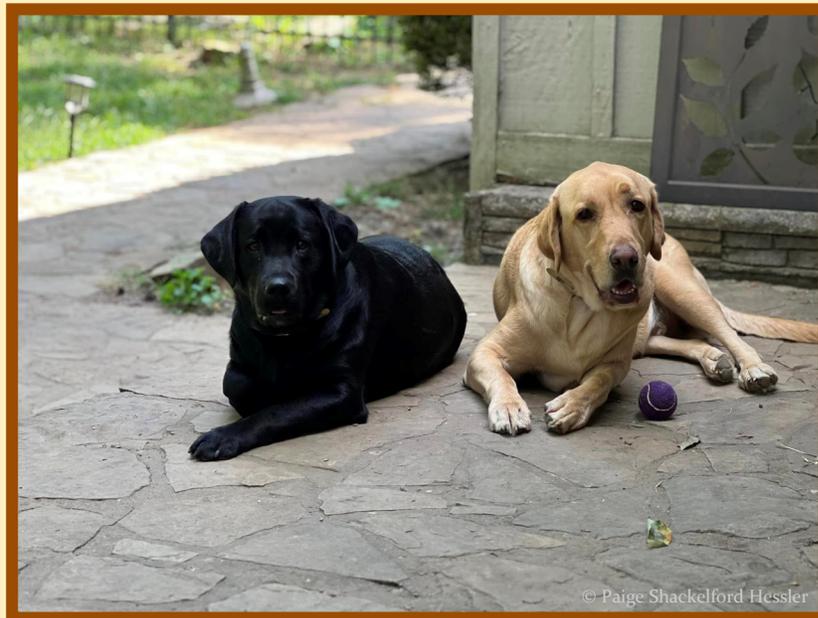
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Hello Members!

Enough Lab events coming up in early October to make all of our heads spin! What will your dogs be doing? Find all of the information here, <https://lrcincnationalspecialtyeventsweek.com/>

There is also discussion of a therapy dog and service dog parade some time during National week. If you have one of those dogs that you would like included, please let Jan Skewes know as soon as possible. Her email is [janskewes@whidbey.com](mailto:janskewes@whidbey.com)

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# PSLRA Challenge Trophy Winners for 2023!

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## Congratulations!

### KISS Specialty

BEST BRED-BY EXHIBITOR IN SPECIALTY: Skyfire's Meant To Be  
Bred by Stephanie Harris.  
Owned by Stephanie Harris and Jessica Harris

### ANNUAL Specialty

BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN SPECIALTY: GCHG Hyspire Ghoststone A Tough Nut To Crack  
Bred by Judy Chambers, Vonnie Russell, Jim Russell  
Owned by Judy Chambers, Vonnie Russell, Jim Russell

BEST HUNTING RETRIEVER IN SPECIALTY: B-Mor Teagan Circles The Moon BN JH RE WC CGC  
(RETIRED )  
Bred by Bea Ferguson and Marlys Swanson  
Owned by Bea Ferguson

### FIRST PRIZE, TEAM OBEDIENCE:

GCH Koa's In A New York Minute vCD RI BN JH BCAT TKN CGC  
Owned by Chantel Nahoopii, Albert Nahoopii

Koa's What's One More CD RN JH TKN CGC  
Owned by Chantel Nahoopii, Albert Nahoopii

Country Classic Rumor Has It CDX BNRE MXP MJPNF  
Owned by Julie Germano

RACH<sub>2</sub> Loudon's Lucky Reese's CDX BN RM<sub>3</sub> RAE<sub>4</sub> JH SWE SHDE CGCA CGCU TKA ATT FITB  
Owned by Julie Loudon

# HEALTH CLINICS



*Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association*

Promoting the All-Around Dog

## **Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association**

**Health Clinic**

**Klahaya Animal Hospital**

1822 Bickford Ave Ste S, Snohomish, WA 98290

**Eye and Heart exams limited to Labrador Retrievers**

SUNDAY, September 24, 2023

Cardiac Health Clinic with Dr Jerry Woodfield DVM Limited to 25 dogs

Eye Health Clinic, Nathan Kice DVM DACVO

Minimum 30 dogs, Limited to 100 dogs

**Please pre-register**

**Closes when limits are reached.**

**If limits are not reached, there will be day of signups.**

### **COSTS**

**\*Auscultation \$50.00 \* Heart Echo \$225.00 \*Eye clinic: \$35.00\***

**\*\*Note:** Doctors will have staff to run and hold dogs.

**Payment of all fees is required in advance before reservations are confirmed.**

**FOR QUESTIONS Email:**

**Marlys Swanson [Marlyss2000@gmail.com](mailto:Marlyss2000@gmail.com) or  
Lisa McGlothlen [rainydazelabradors@yahoo.com](mailto:rainydazelabradors@yahoo.com)**

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**\*WE NEED EVERY BLANK FILLED IN\***

Name of Owners	
Street Address	
City	
State / Zip	
Email Address	
Cell Phone	
How will this be paid?	
Once space is confirmed, directions for payment will be emailed.	

SUNDAY, October 1, 2023 - Cardiac Health Clinic with Jerry Woodfield DVM	
Number of dogs for Auscultation	
Number of dogs for Echos	
Preferred time (times are not guaranteed):	Select one <input type="text"/>

Thursday, October 5, 2023 Eye Health Clinic, Paul Scherlie DVM DACVO	
Number of dogs for Eye Exams	
Preferred time (Time not guaranteed)	Select one <input type="text"/>
Scheduled time is for eye drops. Your preferred time may not be available <b>confirmations will ONLY be sent via e-mail address.</b>	

Pets Registered Name			
Call Name			
AKC Registration Number			
Microchip	DOB: <input type="text"/>		
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Able to volunteer? Yes  No

Comments:

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Southwest Washington Fairgrounds

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Able to volunteer? Yes  No

Comments:

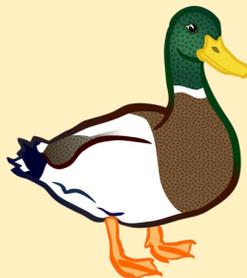
# Out Standing in the Field: Terminology—Part One

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## JARGON

- Air:* to allow the dog to empty his bowels and bladder
- Angling:* to cross terrain or enter water on a diagonal line
- Area of fall:* the place where a bird/bumper has fallen after being thrown as well as the area immediately around that bird/bumper. This is the area where you want the dog to establish a hunt
- Attrition:* a method of teaching that relies on repeating a concept; the dog learns the lesson by doing it over and over until he does it correctly
- Back:* a command meaning “go,” generally issued at the beginning of a blind retrieve or to *keep* the dog traveling away from the handler and toward a marked or blind retrieve
- Bird boy:* the person who throws birds/bumpers during a trial, test or training session; may also be referred to as the gunner
- Blind Retrieve:* a retrieve of a bird that the dog did not see thrown. The dog is directed to the blind through the use of hand signals, whistle and/or voice commands
- Blind:* see *Blind Retrieve* or *Holding Blind*
- Blink:* to refuse to pick up a bird/bumper after locating it. The dog pauses next to it or stands over it, then leaves, acting as if he or she has never seen it
- Break:* when the dog leaves for a retrieve before being sent by the handler. Breaking is a bad thing and should be addressed if it occurs.
- Bumper:* a retrieval object; usually canvas or plastic. White is the most visible, then black, then orange. Most dogs cannot see orange well. Generally, orange bumpers are used on blind retrieves so a dog does not see them from a distance. Bumpers simulate a bird being thrown

Courtesy of Carol Cassity.  
*Building a Retriever; Drills and More.*



# Out Standing in the Field: Terminology—Continued

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<i>Call Backs:</i>	a list of those dogs remaining in the field trial or hunt test after each series is run
<i>Cast:</i>	a handling signal given to a dog by the handler to go in a given direction
<i>Cast Refusal:</i>	the dog refusing to respond to the direction or cast given by the handler
<i>Cheat:</i>	to avoid an obstacle
<i>Cold Blind:</i>	1. a blind retrieve that the dog has never run before 2. a blind retrieve before running any marks
<i>Cover:</i>	grass, brush, or any other vegetation which may conceal the bird from the dog on land or in the water
<i>Creeping:</i>	forward motion by a dog while marks are being thrown, without making an intent to retrieve. If the dog has crept too far forwards, many judges will ask you have the dog return to heel position before being sent for the mark - verges on breaking.
<i>Cue:</i>	a verbal clue to the dog such as "dead bird" indicating a blind or "mark" indicating that a mark is about to be thrown
<i>Diversion:</i>	a thrown mark or dry shot used to distract a dog from another mark or a blind retrieve
<i>Double:</i>	a marking test in which two birds are thrown sequentially in two separate locations. In the upper levels, triples and quadruples will also be seen
<i>Dragback:</i>	scent trail left by dogs returning with birds, especially through high cover where the birds' scent is left on the vegetation
<i>Dry Gun/Shot:</i>	a shot by a gun without a bird being thrown
<i>Entry:</i>	1) the spot at which a dog enters the water on either a blind or mark. 2) the manner or style in which a dog enters the water - "water entry"
<i>Fall:</i>	the spot a bird or bumper was thrown to, where the mark landed
<i>Flag:</i>	a visual attractant to help a dog identify either a pile of bumpers or a blind retrieve
<i>Flat Throw:</i>	also known as a square throw - a bird or bumper thrown directly across from the thrower, i.e., neither back nor in. From the dog's point of view it is a 90° throw. Other types of throws are angle-in and angle-back throws.

# LABRA-BRAGS

NEW UNITED JUNIOR JUMPER CHAMPION  
NEW UNITED SENIOR JUMPER



TONKS



WINGARDIUM LEVIOSA

UJJCH uSJ UJJ uGWPCH RuSH UWPS VPE AP3 URO1 SPRINT CAX  
URBIS GRCH SunDog Don't Call Me Nymphodora  
SPOT-ON CA BCAT RATN CGC TKI V\$WB SD-1 LI-1

# MORE LABRA-BRAGS

UMBIS UMR.BIS UBISS RUSH UWPOCHX UWPO AP4 CA RATN SPRINT ROM RGCH  
SUNNYDAZE FOR PEEP'S SAKE  
CD PCD BN RE FDC CA BCAT THDN RATN CGCA CGCU TKE SPOT-ON

UWPOCHX



GIVE THE GIRL A BROOM—IT WAS A CLEAN SWEEP!

BRACH WINS MOST WEIGHT PULLED PER BODY POUND VETERAN DIVISION A  
IN ALL FOUR DAYS OF COMPETITION AT THE UKC PREMIER NATIONALS.  
IN THE PROCESS, SHE COMPLETED HER UNITED WEIGHT PULL CHAMPION EXCELLENT TITLE!

*Brach is trained, exhibited and cherished by Kristen Reiter, DVM of Sunday Labradors*

# MORE LABRA-BRAGS



**Int. CH Country Classic's I'll Take the Dirt Road  
RN OA OAJ AJP AXP OF CGC TKN RATS CC WC**

Agility is on hold for the summer, but "Sawyer" has started to play in the Rally ring. At the Mt. Vernon show, he earned a leg in Advanced and a 1st place in Intermediate. At the PSLRA Specialty, he received a 3rd in Advanced and a 4th in Intermediate. Owned and handled by Julie Germano.

**Int. CH Country Classic's She Went To  
Jared BN RA NAP NFP ACT<sub>1</sub> ACT<sub>1J</sub> CC  
WC**

Jared is continuing his Rally journey. At the July Mt. Vernon show, he earned an Advanced leg and a 1st place Intermediate leg. At the PSLRA Specialty, Jared placed 1st in Rally Intermediate and 4th in Rally Advanced and earned his RA title. Owned and handled by Julie Germano.



# MORE LABRA-BRAGS



**Int. CH Country Classic's Leather and Lace RN  
AXP AJP NFP RATN CGC TKN**

“Stevie” played in Beginner Novice Obedience with Denise at the PSLRA Specialty. She received a 1st place, with a score of 195, and her 1st leg. This was her first outdoor ring. She handled all the smells and distractions very well. Then Scott and Stevie went on to get her CGC and TKN titles. Owned and handled by Scott Beaumont and Denise Beaumont.

**Int. CH Country Classic's  
Singing in the Reign ACT2  
ACT1J WC**

“Reign” played agility at an ACT trial and ran in ACT1 once for practice with a 1st and earned her ACT2 title with a 1st and 2nd placement. And....the biggest accomplishment was that she didn't visit with ANYONE in the ring. Whoop! Owned and handled by Julie Germano.



# MORE LABRA-BRAGS



**Int. CH Country Classic's That Girl RN RATN OAP AJP  
NFP WC**

“Marlo” is continuing Rally this summer. At the July Mt. Vernon show, she received a 3rd and 1st place in Rally Novice and earned her RN title. At the PSLRA Specialty she received a 2nd place and first leg in Beginner Novice obedience and 2nd place and first leg in Rally Intermediate. Owned and handled by Julie Germano.

**Int. CH Country Classic's Rumor Has It  
CDX PCDX BN RE NA MXP MJP NF XFP  
CC WC**

Summer time is Rally time. “Rumor” continues to excel with Janine in Rally. At the Mt. Vernon show, Rumor Triple Q'd both days with 1st place, 2nd place, and High Triple Rally with 3 scores of 97 points. At the PSLRA Specialty, she Triple Q'd with 3 2nd places. She played with Julie in a Team Obedience class with 3 other Labradors (all 3 colors represented) where the team earned 1st place. Owned by Julie Germano and handled by Janine Hayes.



# MORE LABRA-BRAGS



The Country Classic Kids had a great showing at the PSLRA Specialty in Rally and Obedience. Look at all those pretty yellow dogs and their ribbons. From left to right: Sawyer, Jared, Marlo, Rumor, Maisie, P!nk, and Stevie. It was a fun day, and quite a few dogs showed up to try their hand at Rally and Obedience. Many of them qualified, too. Thanks to all who worked so hard to put this on for the Club!

# LRC National

"Save  
The Date!"

Join us for Labrador  
Week October 1-8, 2023  
in Chehalis, WA!



## The Best of Times!



Two Agility  
Trials



Two Obedience &  
Three Rally Trials



Five Specialty  
Shows



Scent Work  
Trial



Junior & Senior  
Hunt Tests & WC



Breed Education



CGC & Trick  
Dog Testing



Multiple Junior  
Showmanship  
Competitions



Health Testing



\*\*\*\*\* TENTATIVE 2023 LRC NATIONAL SCHEDULE \*\*\*\*\*

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Saturday	September 30	Camping and RV Arrivals
Sunday	October 1	MRLRC Specialty #1 LRC Obedience Trial 1 LRC Rally Trial 1 Top 25 Obedience Tribute Top 25 Rally Tribute Cardiac Clinic, Jerry Woodfield, DVM Welcome Social
Monday	October 2	MRLRC Specialty #2 LRC Obedience Trial 2 LRC Rally Trials 2 and 3 LRC Agility Trial 1 Top 25 Agility Tribute LRC Conformation Certificate 1 CGC and Trick Dog Testing
Tuesday	October 3	PSLRA Specialty PSLRA Specialty Junior Judging LRC Agility Trial 2 CGC and Trick Dog Testing LRC Board Meeting (Host Hotel) Worker's Party hosted by LRC, Inc. BOD LRC, Inc. Annual Members Meeting
Wednesday	October 4	LRC, Inc. Parent Club Specialty LRC, Inc. Parent Club Specialty Junior Judging Judges Education LRC Scent Work Trials 1 and 2 CGC and Trick Dog Testing
Thursday	October 5	LRC Inc. National Specialty Day 1: Sweepstakes and Bitches LRC Judges Education Ringside Mentoring Eye Health Clinic, Paul Scherlie DVM DACVO LRC, Inc. Annual Banquet Awards, Auction; Conformation Top 25 Exhibition
Friday	October 6	LRC Inc. National Specialty Day 2: Dogs and Breed
Saturday	October 7	Junior Stake Senior Stake Conformation Certificate Working Certificate
Sunday	October 8	Junior Stake Senior Stake

# OVERNIGHT PARKING/CAMPING RESERVATIONS

Saturday Sept 30 - Sunday Oct 8

Water and Power

\$45 per night

Dry Camping no water or power

\$35 per night

Come and Stay with us for  
LRC National Week!!

Haul your RV in

OR

Rent through  
RV Share or Outdoorsy

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

RV Length \_\_\_\_\_ RV Width \_\_\_\_\_

Special requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Payments made to LRC can be mailed to:

Marcy Johnson PO BOX 1680 Kingston WA 98346

\*\*\*Refunds will not be given for cancellations after September 15, 2023

# Available Puppies and Dogs

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As of August 28th, 2023...

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**Litter Born:** 06/20/2023

**Available:** 1 Black Male, 3 Yellow Males, 1 Black Female

**Sire:** CH Riverlane Vogelbach Guide My Sleigh

AKC: SS16446402

Hips = Good, Elbows = Normal, Eyes = 04/30/2023, Heart ECHO = Normal/Clear, Prcd/PRA = Clear, EIC = Clear, CNM = Clear, Dilute = Clear/Non-Dilute.

**Dam:** Breton Gate Le Resistance

AKC: SS05941901

Hips = Good, Elbows = Normal, Eyes = 04/09/2023, Heart ECHO= Normal/Clear, Prcd/PRA = Clear, EIC = Clear, CNM = Clear, Dilute = Clear/Non-Dilute.

**Contact:** Betty Barkley

**Phone:** 503.816.4794

**Email:** [barkley61@comcast.net](mailto:barkley61@comcast.net)

**Website:** [bretongate.com](http://bretongate.com)

**Date Listed:** 7/24/2023

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Litter Born: 6/28/2023

**Available:** 2 Yellow Females

**Sire:** CH Riverlane Blackthorn's Wonderboy

AKC: SR85080304

Hips = Good, Elbows = Normal, Eyes = 6/28/2023, Heart ECHO = Normal/Clear, Prcd/PRA = Clear, EIC = Clear, CNM = Clear, RD/OSD = Clear, HNPK = Clear, DM = Clear, Dilute = Clear/Non-Dilute.

**Dam:** Aiyerbrother's Little Miss Sunshine

AKC: SR99368402

Hips = Good, Elbows = Normal, Eyes = 7/25/2022, Heart ECHO = Clear, Prcd/PRA = Clear, EIC = Clear, CNM = Clear, RD/OSD = Clear, HNPK = Clear, DM = Clear, Dilute = Clear/Non-Dilute.

**Contact:** Ram Vaidyanathan

**Phone:** 425.283.3239

**Email:** [aiyerbrothers@gmail.com](mailto:aiyerbrothers@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.aiyerbrothers.com](http://www.aiyerbrothers.com)

**Date Listed:** 7/11/2023

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## 14 Week Old – Yellow Male

Name: Charlie

Spay/Neuter Status: Intact, must be neutered at appropriate age.

Health Information: Charlie is current on all shots and deworming. His parents have OFA Hips/Elbows/Heart Echo's clearances and their Eyes cleared annually, plus appropriate DNA testing. He has no health issues.

General Information: Charlie is a sweet, happy, easy going puppy who we held back to decide who we were keeping for our program. Now that we've decided, Charlie is looking for his perfect forever home. Charlie is well socialized, started on crate training and ready to transition to a family of his own.

**Contact: Stephanie Harris**

**Email: [stephanie@skyfirelabs.com](mailto:stephanie@skyfirelabs.com)**

**Website: [skyfirelabs.com](http://skyfirelabs.com)**

**Date Listed: 6/28/2023**



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