

The Retriever Believer



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Hello Members!

Winter is really here! And with it holiday parties. Make sure to get your RSVP in for the banquet by the 30th. Also please remember to send your suggestions for upcoming specialty judges to the judges selection committee and show committee via the form linked on the club's Facebook page. If you have questions about the process (or don't do Facebook) contact Stephanie@skyfirelabs.com for more information.

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Chairperson Needed!

Dear Members,

PSLRA's Board of Directors is looking for someone to chair the Sportsmen's Show in 2024, at the Puyallup Fairgrounds from January 31st – February 4th .

The task involves setting up our educational display booth, recruiting volunteers to staff the booth, and getting large quantities of our brochures printed up to hand out to booth patrons.

All members volunteering, including several new members who volunteered in the 2023 show, said they really enjoyed meeting the public and discussing everything we do with our wonderful Labradors.

We educate the public about our Club, what a purebred Labrador is all about, how they only come in 3 colors, and sharing about our long running Labrador Rescue, as well as all the activities and events our Club holds all year long.

For more information, please contact Brenda Hubbard on Facebook messenger under "Brenda Hawkins Hubbard" or by email at: Brooke-lynn50@hotmail.com



Board Meeting Minutes — November

November 15, 2023. Start time 6:32 .

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Cindy Olson, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Marcy Johnson, Denise Hetland, Rob Parkins, Brenda Hubbard, Linda Maffett, Katie Somers, Vicki Hoskinson, Kimberly Dotson, Sharon Edwards, Becky Dannaker, Marlys Swanson.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jill Mahoney, Jessica Baker, Lisa McGlothlen, Diane Sullenberger

OFFICERS REPORTS: President— No report. Vice President — No report. Secretary — No report. Treasurer - financial details available to members upon request. \$43,635.09 ending balance.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: Added from last month — Jan Cameron for the online raffle, Vicki Hoskinson for LRC prizes, Cindy Olson for keeping track of the LRC accounting, Julie Germano for running the November Agility trial.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee: Denise: all set. Nominations will be open at the December Christmas Party. Slate as of now needs to be reported to the board ASAP.

Holiday Party: Becky—All set for Dec 16th. Flyer will be out soon!

Fall/Spring HRT: Cindy — No report.

Rescue report: Brenda - good success placing dogs when they are advertised on the FB page 2024

Specialties: Katie - we are still lacking judges. Nominations for judges will close soon. NOMINATE!!!

2024 Obedience - Marlys and Chantel - -plans are in the works. Would like a chair who can devote more time to the obedience rings. Lessons learned from 2023.

WC: Marlys - hopefully April 20 or 21. Looking for a location.

Sportsman Show: Brenda - Booth is signed for. People are volunteering to take shifts but we still need a chairperson.

Fall/Spring Agility - Cheri - No report.

Annual Banquet - Flyer will be out ASAP.

2023/2026 LRC: Rob - Presented a letter written to LRC with our pros and cons on how 2023 went and ways to improve 2026. There appears to be enough cons that depending on how our ideas are received and how all the clubs involved will work together will determine whether PSLRA will step up again in 2026. Discussion ensued and Rob will consolidate his draft and be more concise on the bullet points. It will then be presented to the board on the FB page for further discussion and motion to send it.

OLD BUSINESS: AED: Marcy reported that we are waiting for Diane Sullenberger to take the course on how to use it.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE.

Next Meeting Dec 16, 2023 at Christmas Party.

ADJOURN 7:27.

2024 CLUB NOMINATIONS

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Linda Maffett

Lisa McGlothlen

Rob Parkins

Katie Somers

Marlys Swanson

Diane Sullenberger

Come To The Party!

Hurry to the

PSLRA Holiday Party!

Saturday, December 16
3:00 pm



Potluck Dinner, Gift Exchange &
General Membership Meeting

at the Dannaker Farm - Duvall, WA

And This Party!

PSLRA

Annual Banquet

A night of fun at Charlie's Restaurant

- Buffet Dinner and Dessert
Pesto Salmon & Dijon Chicken
No-host bar
- Exciting Games and Prizes
- Annual Membership Meeting
- Voting on 2024 BOD
- Annual Awards



Saturday

13 JANUARY 2024

5:00 pm Happy Hour

6:00 pm Dinner



\$20/members

\$40/non-members

Juniors, 16 & under are free



Registration and pre-payment are required. To sign-up and pay, scan the QR code above, or go to www.pslra.org to find sign-up info.

RSVP by Dec 30th

For more Information contact
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THERE'S A LID FOR EVERY POT: SASSY'S STORY

By Brenda Hubbard

Last spring, we had a listing for a beautiful little chocolate Labrador girl, named Sassy, age just past 1 year, who needed a loving, forever home. She was listed as a “special needs” adoption and Edith Bryan, Lab Rescue Chairperson, had me list her on the Club’s FB page. Sassy was born with a heart condition that would need to be monitored by a veterinarian and would eventually need medication.

Sassy is only about 60 pounds and Gary and I were privileged to meet her. She is extremely loving, playful and just adores being around her people. We both fell in love immediately with sweet Sassy. She got her name because she was the sassy pants one in the litter. Because she is so cute, she garnered a lot of attention on Facebook.

When Edith would chat with potential adopters, people seemed afraid, as Sassy’s potential expected lifetime might be cut short by her heart condition. Several families came out to meet her, but the idea of an early death, from a lovely little girl that had stolen their hearts, was very overwhelming.

Shortly after, Gary and I were at church, and during the closing prayer, the name of a couple we are friends with, literally *downloaded* into my head! I knew they had lost their almost 17 yr. old Dalmatian about a year before. We found them after the service in the fellowship hall, having coffee. I asked if they were interested in getting another dog and then told them all about Sassy. Alice was not on FB, so I forwarded the article and pictures of Sassy to her by text.

The heart condition didn’t scare Alice or Scott one bit but they were concerned if Sassy had ever been around chickens or cats. The answer was “no” but I knew Sassy was very smart and quite biddable. That afternoon Alice drove up to meet Sassy and brought her home. Literally love at first sight!

There’s an old saying that says “there’s a lid for every pot”. Sassy had found her “lid”! Alice, Scott and their entire family are just crazy about Sassy. She leaves the chickens alone, likes the house kitties, and takes lively walks with Alice every day. They renamed her Hattie. It’s been almost 4 months since Sassy/Hattie was adopted and she has stuck like glue. They just can’t imagine life without their precious little girl. They summed up Hattie in one word: Perfect.



Out Standing in the Field

The following paw balm recipe from the Newfoundland Club of America may help when you are out training and hunting in the cold and snow.

Make At Home Dog Paw Balm

Supplies:

- * 21-24 standard lip balm tubes OR 6 1-oz. tins
- * a small digital kitchen scale, optional
- * small pot or double boiler

Ingredients:

- * 2 oz. (approx. 2 tbsp.) olive, sunflower, or sweet almond oil
- * 2 oz. (approx. 2 tbsp.) coconut oil
- * 1 oz. (approx. 1 tbsp.) shea butter
- * 4 tsp. beeswax

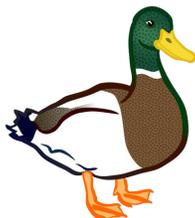
Directions:

In a small pot or double boiler over low heat melt the oils, shea butter, and beeswax. Stir continuously until all is melted and well blended.

Carefully pour the mixture into lip balm tubes and/or tins. Let them cool on the counter until hard. Cap and label.

Apply the balm as a preventive treatment or to help soften dry paw pads or noses.

Keep away from extreme heat. Use within 1 to 2 years.



Link:

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/how-to-make-your-own-paw-balm-for-winter/>.

LABRA-BRAGS

Mari had an unbelievable few weeks this fall. In three weeks time she was BOB x5, Regular Group 4 x2 and NOHS RBIS twice!!



GCH CH
Stonehouse Fiery Irish Girl
BN RN THDN CGC WC



During the National, she passed her WC and also was included in the Therapy/Service parade. Mari has been exclusively owner-handled by Nancy Roy.



MORE LABRA-BRAGS

UJCH USJ UJJ UEWPCH FLY UWPS VPE AP5 URO1 SPRINT CAX
URBIS GRCH SUNDGOG DON'T CALL ME NYMPHODORA
SPOT-ON CAA DCAT RATN CGC TKI VSWB FITB SD-1 LI-1

TONKS JOINS THE ELITE

CAMP PHOTOGRAPHY



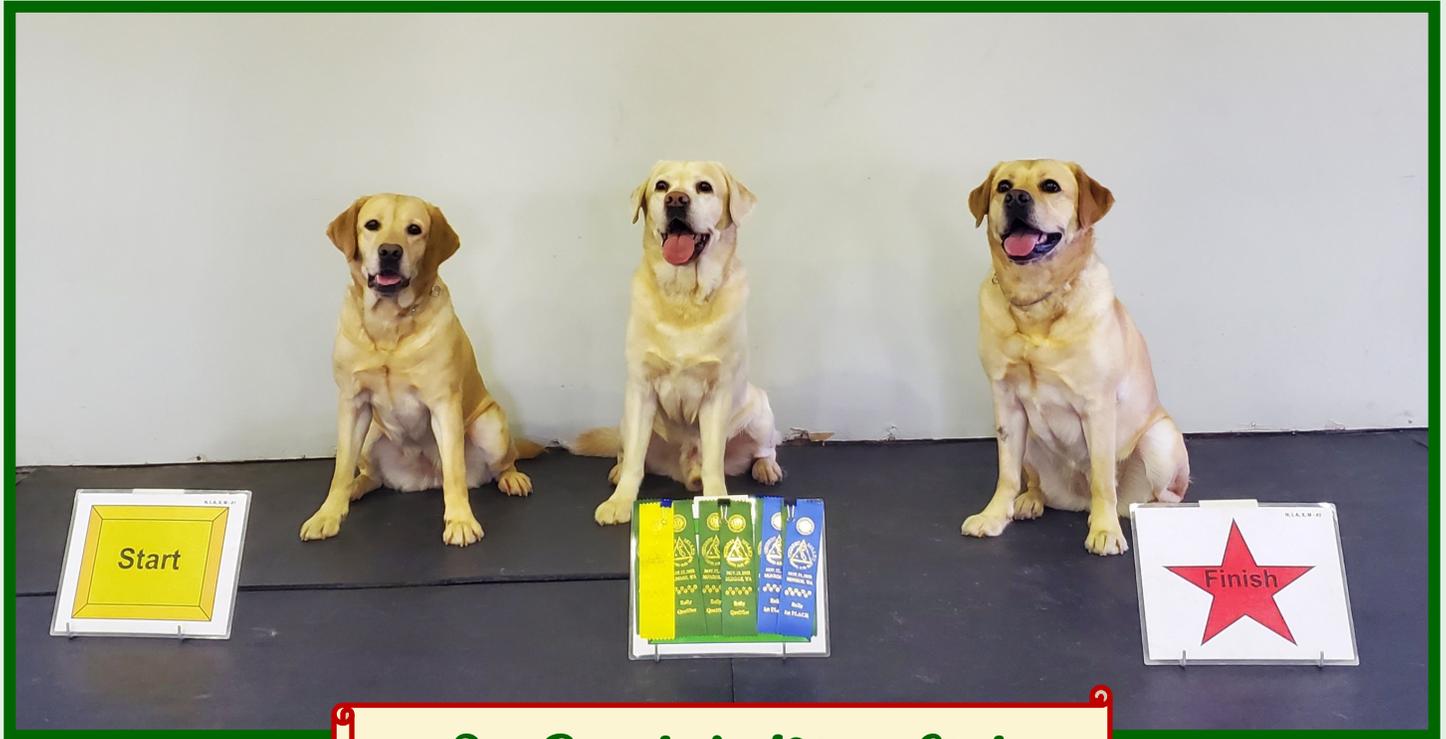
What better place to get it done than at the Cascade American Pit Bull Terrier Club weight pull and conformation show? It's where it all started: where I saw my first weight pull, where I was welcomed and mentored, and where I was encouraged to continue and offered help when I needed it. Many thanks to the kind and warmhearted people who supported us along the way, particularly Val Piltz, Angie Brimer, Angela Burns and Carol Gaines.

Tonks earned her **UNITED ELITE WEIGHT PULL CHAMPION** title in true Tonks form, by going above and beyond! She not only logged maximum pulls all four trials (that is 1700 pounds for those of you counting), but she also won two Best of Breed placements, earned another leg for her Emerald Grand and won two more Total Dog awards!

I solemnly swear that I am up to no good

Tonks was bred, trained, handled and shown by Kriston Reitor of Sun Dog Labradors

MORE LABRA-BRAGS



On Santa's Nice List

These Country Classic kids had a great weekend at the Whidbey Island Kennel Club Rally trial. From left to right:

Int. CH Country Classic's Singing In The Reign ACT2 ACTIJ RATN WC

(Reign): This was Reign's first time at a Rally Trial. She earned 2 legs in Rally Novice B with a 100 for a 3rd place and a 98. Owned/Handled by Julie Germano.

Int. CH Country Classic's She Went To Jared BN RE NAP NFP ACTI ACTIJ

CC WC (Jared): Jared earned his Rally Excellent B title and 1st leg in Rally Excellent Advanced. Owned/Handled by Julie Germano.

Int. CH Country Classic's Leather And Lace BN RI AXP AJP OFP RATN

CGC TKN CC (Stevie): Stevie earned her Rally Intermediate title with scores of 95 and 96, both times earning 1st place in the class. Owned/Handled by Denise Beaumont.



Zoetis Holiday Dog Treat Recipes

Dr. Gilbert's Cranberry Biscuits

Ingredients:

- * 1 cup frozen cranberries
- * ½ cup plain applesauce
- * ¼ cup dried cranberries
- * 2 cups whole wheat flour (you can substitute any flour)
- * 2 cups rolled oats
- * 2 eggs
- * 2 tbsp melted coconut oil

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Microwave the applesauce and frozen cranberries together until thawed. This will give your cookies a light red coloring.

Pulse the fruit mixture and dried cranberries in the food processor until combined. Pulse in the rolled oats and flour, then add the eggs and coconut oil until a dough forms.

Work the dough on a floured board, adding more flour as necessary. Roll out dough to about ¼ of an inch thick and cut into festive shapes using cookie cutters or a small knife.

Bake for 20 minutes and let cool completely before serving.

Dr. Berst's No-Bake Snowballs

Ingredients:

- * 1 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- * ½ cup coconut flour
- * 1 cup oat flour OR 1 cup of rolled oats
- * 1 cup plain nonfat yogurt
- * ¼ cup unsweetened peanut butter
- * 1 Tbsp coconut oil
- * Shredded coconut to roll the treats in

Place all ingredients in your food processor and pulse until a dough is formed. Scoop a handful of dough and form into balls at any size you prefer. Roll each ball in the shredded coconut with slight pressure to help the coconut stick to the dough.

Keep refrigerated and enjoy within a week.

Link: <zoetispetcare.com/blog>.

Available Puppies and Dogs

As of October 31st, 2023...

5 Month 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.

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Date Listed: 6/28/2023



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