

# The Retriever Believer

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Ready for the change of season? It's time to watch the videos of Labradors jumping into freshly raked leaf piles, snuggle on the sofa with some cocoa and a good dog.

Many thanks to the crew of volunteers who organized our recent Health Clinic and carried out our mission to support responsible breeding. We still have a specialty, membership meeting, and awards banquet on the horizon. Please check out the newsletter for announcements and to see what other club members have been accomplishing with their dogs. As always, feel free to share your experiences with us!

*Kristen Reiter, Editor*

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# July Meeting Minutes



Membership meeting agenda

Start time: 6:32

Wednesday July 16, 2025

VIA ZOOM

**Officers and Board members present:** Becky Dannaker, Stephanie Harris, Cindy Olson, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Marcy Johnson, Denise Hetland, Vicky Hoskinson, Lisa McGlothlin, Linda Maffett, Brenda Hubbard, Scott Dannaker, Jill Mahoney, Kim Dotson, Rob Parkins, Marlys Swanson.

**Excused Absent:** Diane Sullenberger, Katie Somers, Jessica Baker

## Officers Reports

President – Becky Dannaker

Vice President – Stephanie Harris

Secretary – MJ Sarbaugh - Club approved By-law changes have been sent to AKC for review.

Treasurer – Cindy Olson. Financials are available to any member who requests to see them.

## Acknowledgements.

Specialty All who worked so hard from planning to carrying out! THANK YOU!

## Committee Reports

Membership - Jill - One new member will enter name next month. Those who have paid for the Breeders List this year and have not been added because of the web page updating will get a free year in 2026.

June 2025 Specialties wrap up — Stephanie/Katie. Reported lots of good feedback from judges, exhibitors. Food snafu the first day but the company straightened it out for the following two days. A debrief has been held with show committee. Lots of feedback with good input for coming years.

2025 Match wrap up- - Lisa & May Jane. Excited to have it be relatively successful and a lot of fun. Looking forward to next year!

Health Clinic - Marlys & Denise. Cascade Kennel again in Marysville. Drs are on board. We need more member support in order to keep the Drs interested in continuing from year to year.

Field - Cindy (see below. new business and on line business). Liz Gibson is chair for Fall HT

# July Meeting Minutes: Continued

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## Old Business

Discussion regarding new banquet plans... NOVEMBER 15TH in Monroe for dinner. Reserved from 4-6. Cindy will give them a deposit once Becky has the invoice. Club will pay for meals ordered from a banquet menu. No host bar

Newsletter July, August September just out. Its delightful and full of info and fun things.

Kristen asks anyone to submit things to future newsletters! [newsletter@pslra.com](mailto:newsletter@pslra.com)

By Laws sent to AKC. Probably 4-6 weeks wait for them.

Still working on acquiring someone to re-work the website.

## New Business:

Discussion using dead ducks at hunt test. Reviewed rules. It was moved and passed by majority that we follow Umpqua Retriever Club's request to use frozen ducks that have been frozen for longer than 24 hours.

Wrapping up Hawaii raffle (maybe sell to 100 spots) — it was decided to end this raffle on July 31st and Stephanie will post the draw live on August 1st.

## On-Line:

Motion made and approved to send \$500 to SAR dogs in Texas. However monies are put on hold as no longer needed right now.

Cindy needs approval of prepared Tax documents. Moved, seconded and passed unanimously

Adjourned : 7:30

Next meeting: ZOOM August 20.



# August Meeting Minutes

## Agenda

Wednesday 8/20/25

ZOOM

[Link is found in FEATURED tab on FB PSLRA Board Group](#)

### Officers Reports

President – Becky Dannaker

Vice President – Stephanie Harris

Secretary – MJ Sarbaugh

Treasurer – Cindy Olson

### Acknowledgements.

### Committee Reports:

Supported Entries – Wenatchee - Katie  
Monroe - Jess Baker

Membership - Jill

Rescue - Brenda

WC - Bryant and Cindy have offered again to chair the WC this year. BD, CBD

Sportsman show - Bryant and Cindy have agreed to chair this event.

Fall HT - Cindy Olson

November 2024 Specialty & supported entry - Jessica/Kerry

Class sponsorships are up on the webpage

Health Clinic - Marlys & Denise

### Old Business

Discussion regarding new banquet plans... Becky reserved Mexican place in Monroe 4-6 on Saturday November 15. Marcy has arranged a ZOOM presentation on CBD products for our dogs. Members will be able to ZOOM in even if they are not in attendance at the dinner. MJ will organize paw print game and Jenn will bring door prizes. We still would like a chair for this event.

Web page Stephanie has been working on it.

### New Business:

Cindy sent \$400 to the National club for our DFAR sponsorship.

### Online business/discussion:

Discussed who is receiving payment notifications from PayPal., MJ is and has offered to continue to receive them and forward them to the appropriate chairs.



# September Meeting Minutes

## Agenda

### PSLRA Board Meeting

Start time: 6:30

Wednesday 9/17/25 ZOOM

**Board members present:** Diane Sullenberger, MJ Sarbaugh, Becky Dannaker, Stephanie Harris, Katie Somers, Marcy Johnson, Rob Parkins, Cindy Olson, Denise Hetland, Kimberly Dotson, Marlys Swanson, Lisa McGlothlin, Brenda Hubbard

**Club member present:** Jen Hajny

### Officers Reports

**President** – Becky Dannaker

**Vice President** – Stephanie Harris

**Secretary** – MJ Sarbaugh no minutes from the last meeting but I have a few notes to record  
I heard back from AKC regarding bylaws... a couple more steps and we'll be done

**Treasurer** – Cindy Olson. Financials are available to any member who requests to see them.

### Acknowledgements:

Vicky Hoskinson, Marlys Swanson, Jenn Hajny, Stephanie Harris for garnering trophy sponsorships (November Specialty)

### Committee Reports

Supported Entries – Wenatchee - Katie. Do we want to have a potluck as in the past?

Fall HT - Cindy Olson - went well. Ended in the black \$\$\$. Cindy will provide acknowledgements

November 2024 Specialty and supported entry - Jessica/Kerry. Premium list is out on BaRay  
Class sponsorships are up on the webpage and also contact Vicky

Health Clinic - Marlys and Denise. Will be opening it up to all breeds in order to bring our numbers up

Newsletter. Kristen Reiter Next Newsletter is October Deadline is Sept 28

### Old Business

Discussion regarding banquet plans...Becky reserved El Paraiso Mexican Grill in Monroe 4-6 on Saturday November 15. Club picking up food tab. Marcy has arranged a ZOOM presentation on CBD products for our dogs. Members will be able to ZOOM in even if they are not in attendance at the dinner. MJ will organize paw print game and Jenn will bring door prizes. In accordance with our by-laws, Nominations for next year's officers and board members will be taken from the floor. Annual awards will be given. Jen Hajny will get a flyer done soon

Web page - nothing to report on Web page but if there is anything pressing Stephanie will work on that. Contact her directly.  
Stephanie will also work to get the mailchimp re-organized with a new contact

### New Business.

From AKC community chats groups going away however it does not affect us.

Nominating committee: Mary Jane volunteered to chair and will ask a non club member to serve with her. Plus an alternate. Must report back with slate by October 15th. (Preferably by Sept 28th so it can be in the newsletter.

### Online business/discussion none

Next meeting Oct 15th via ZOOM

# PSLRA Annual Banquet

**NEW DATE!!!**

NOVEMBER  
**15 2025**

4:00 No Host Happy Hour

4:30 Dinner

5:00 Presentation



Join us for the annual club banquet and hear from Duke Donahue of SunDog Farms Inc about CBD usage for dogs. Presentation is available via zoom at QR code or: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/eone2iIOTXifcH5nhaUmMA#/registration>



**El Paraiso Mexican Grill**  
14090 Fryelands Blvd. - Monroe



# 2026 Board Nominations

These are the nominations for our 2026 Officers and Board of Directors. Additional nominations may be made at our annual meeting in November. Those nominees must either be present or send a written letter accepting the nomination, Also, If you would like to serve please let Mary Jane Sarbaugh know!

Voting by ballot will take place at our holiday party in December. Thank you to Jan Skewes and Jen Hajny who served on the nomination committee.

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## Board of Directors

Marcy Johnson     Denise Hetland

Vicky Hoskinson     Lisa McGlothlin

Linda Maffett     Diane Sullenberger

Katie Somers     Brenda Hubbard

Jill Mahoney     Kim Dotson

Rob Parkins     Marlys Swanson

Katie Mearns     Jennifer Hajny



# New Lifetime Member

## About Membership:

Membership in PSLRA is open to anyone interested in Labrador Retrievers. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals, \$25 for families. Junior memberships are \$10. Please note that new members require the signature of two sponsors on the application form.

## About the Newsletter:

The Retriever Believer is published monthly by the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association.

Contributions in the form of articles, letters or photos are always welcome.

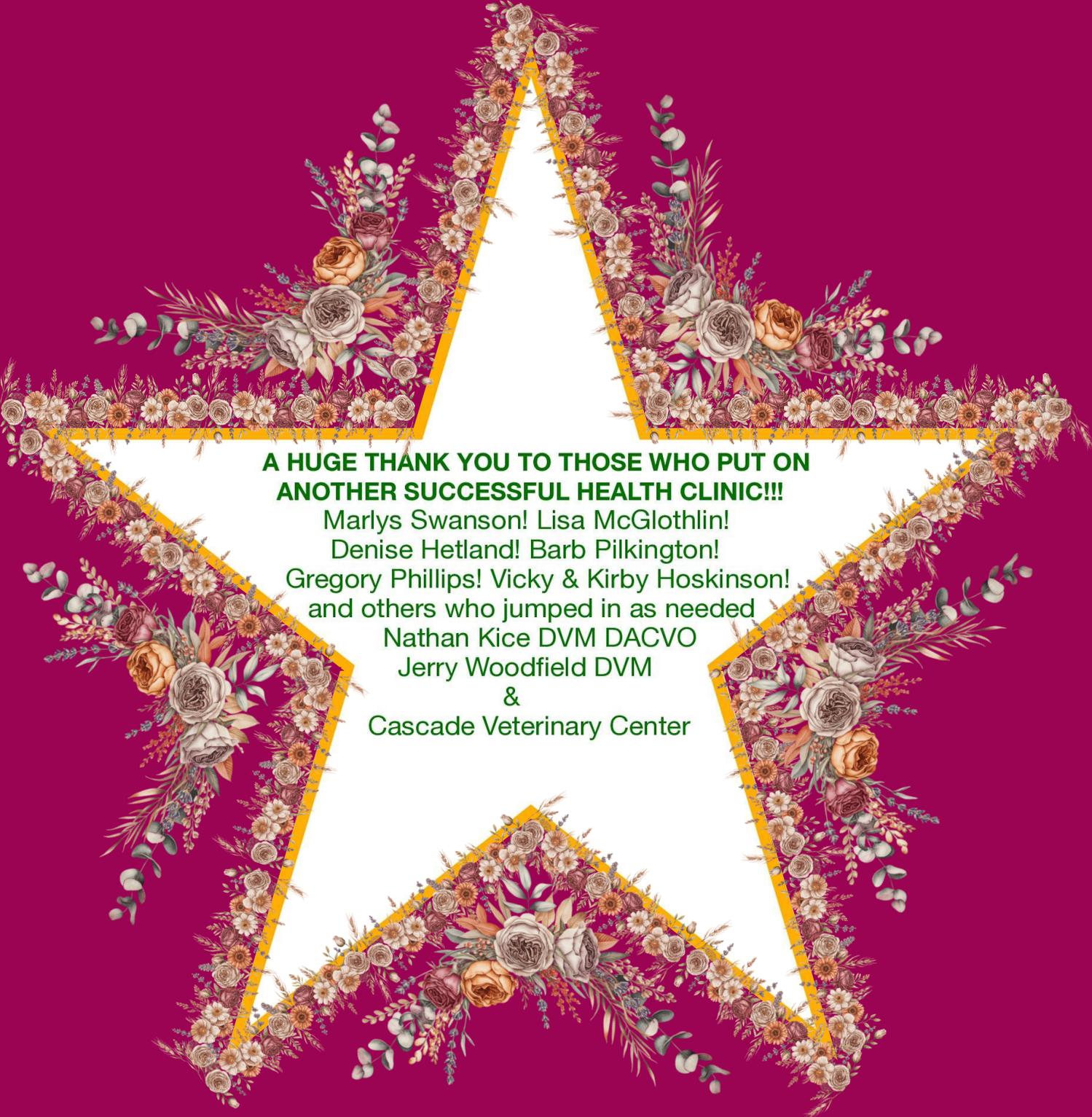
It is our goal to provide an open forum where members can present their views to the club. The editor and the board of directors reserve the right to decline publication of advertising and other material submitted for publication.

Submissions are due by the 20th of each month by email. Please put "newsletter" in the subject line and send to [newsletter@pslra.org](mailto:newsletter@pslra.org)

Welcome to our  
newest Lifetime  
Member:

*Diann Sullivan!*





**A HUGE THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO PUT ON  
ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL HEALTH CLINIC!!!**

Marlys Swanson! Lisa McGlothlin!  
Denise Hetland! Barb Pilkington!  
Gregory Phillips! Vicky & Kirby Hoskinson!  
and others who jumped in as needed  
Nathan Kice DVM DACVO  
Jerry Woodfield DVM  
&  
Cascade Veterinary Center

# Major changes to Entry Procedure for Master National

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## Master National Retriever Club Prioritized Entry Announcement

In January 2025, the American Kennel Club made two changes to Chapter 6 of the Guidelines and Regulations for Hunting Retrievers that directly affected the Master National Retriever Club's annual event.

“This level of testing shall be demonstrated over the equivalent of two Master Hunter tests.”

“As the resources available to the host organization will vary by location and over time; in order to hold a quality event and achieve the required level of testing, the host organization is provided the option to determine the maximum number of entries given the time allotted to the event. This will allow the host organization to better plan and manage the event. The AKC Performance Events Department reserves the right to review and approve the maximum number of entries.”

It is the goal of the MNRC to run the event within prior event timeframes, to have the equivalent of two Master Hunt Tests (6 quality series), and to showcase the abilities of master dogs in a single national event.

As a result of these rule changes and in collaboration with the host organization, the MNRC is incorporating these aspects for the **2026 event in Roseburg, Oregon, October 2-11** that have been reviewed and approved by AKC per the new language in Chapter 6.

Entries for the 2026 event will be limited to a target number of 840 dogs.

Handlers will be required to rank, or prioritize, all their entries into the event.

Only one handler per entry will be accepted

Once the entries close the MNRC will start the process of accepting the entries based on each handler's ranking number. We will first take all the 1s, next all the 2s, next all the 3s, and so on until we reach the target number. At that point we will take an entire ranked grouping that brings us close to 840.

For the 2026 event, 840 dogs is the target number; it could be slightly less or slightly higher as the cutoff will be at an entire ranked group so that all handlers are treated equally.

Handlers may handle dogs up the max number based on the ranking cutoff. Under no circumstances will a handler be allowed to handle more than the max number.

There will not be a waitlist. Scratches will receive the usual refund. No dog will be added to replace a scratched dog.

Entries for all dogs will be accepted based on the ranking of the entry, regardless of when the entry is received during the entry period.

The MNRC Board is aware of the significant impact that this decision will have, not only with the 2026 event, but also with the regular club qualifying tests that begin August 1 of this year. While no decision has been made for future events, the changes in Chapter 6 could result in limitations of entries accepted based on the resources of the areas where the event is held.

Sincerely, Master National Retriever Club Board of Directors

In conjunction  
with WIKC all  
breed shows w/  
supported entries  
on Friday &  
Saturday

# PSLRA FALL SPECIALTY

**THURSDAY - 13 NOVEMBER  
MONROE, WA**

**JUDGES:**

**REGULAR CLASSES:** MR. RON KELLY

**SWEEPSTAKES:** MRS. ELLEN SPARKS

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP:** TBD

**SUPERINTENDENT:** BARAY EVENT SERVICES



ENTER  
HERE

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO PUT THESE EVENTS TOGETHER. KEEP TAILS WAGGING AND **SPONSOR TODAY. VISIT [WWW.PSLRA.ORG](http://WWW.PSLRA.ORG), THEN CLICK ON THE "SPONSORSHIP" TAB AT TOP AND MAKE YOUR CLASS SELECTION. QUESTIONS?**

**CONTACT VICKY HOSKINSON - [CAMEOLABS@ATT.NET](mailto:CAMEOLABS@ATT.NET)**



DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL CLUB BANQUET SATURDAY EVENING AT EL PARAISO IN MONROE. LOOK FOR EVENT FLYER WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

# PSLRA Rescue Report

We received a listing application from an owner looking to re-home his 7-year-old (spayed) female black Lab, Willow. He and his wife moved to Seattle recently and their new, busy jobs didn't leave them enough time to give Willow the company and exercise that she deserves.

Willow had a lot to offer to a new family. Willow was house trained, crate trained, and played well with other dogs, cats and kids. Her vet care was up to date and she didn't have any medical concerns. She had basic obedience training, walked well on a leash and was fine left alone in the house.



According to her owners, Willow loves everyone she meets. With other dogs she is friendly and playful; with cats she is curious but calm. Her owners say she is playful for her age, confident and very loving. She likes treats, walks, cuddles and anything to do with people.

This gem of a Lab was quickly adopted by a retired couple who were experienced Lab owners and had recently lost a beloved Lab. They had been on our waiting list for many months and were delighted to welcome Willow into their home. They report that Willow has settled in nicely and they are happy to have a Lab in their lives again.

*Welcome Home Willow!*

*Submitted by Edith Bryan, Rescue chair*

# Labra-Brags

July took us to Island Pacific Labrador Retriever Cub and LRCC  
What a week!

2 new CHampions, 2 AOMs, Specialty WB & RWB  
Best Brood Bitch and a Canadian WC

BEST Owner Handler Breeder in show at Victoria Kennel Club Show

Thanks to the judges who found our dogs in stunning line-ups!

Not to mention the absolute FUN we had ALL WEEK!



Submitted by Mary Jane Sarbaugh

# Labra-Brags

GBK Sherlocks Joseph Bell  
SWN SEA SIA SBA, AKC THDN CGCTD



Joe received his Buried Hides Advanced Title in August. Here he is looking for something under water in Puget Sound

Submitted by Jan Shewes

# Labra-Braggs

Int'l CH Country Classic's Singing In The Reign

BN RE NJP NFP ACT<sub>2</sub> ACT<sub>1</sub> WC



Reign has been busy the past few months in agility, obedience, and rally. Her achievements include her Novice Jumpers Preferred title with a 1st place for her title leg, Rally Advanced title, Beginner Novice title with a 4th and 2nd placements for her last two legs, and Rally Excellent title. She is now earning double Qs toward her RAE title and points toward her RACH.

*Reign is owned and handled by Julie Germano.*

# Labra-Braggs

Int'l CH Country Classic's Leather And Lace  
BN:RE AXP MJP XFP T2BP RATS CGC TKN FITB FTN CC WC



Stevie has been showing only in Rally lately. She was invited to the Rally National Championship for Rally Advanced. We did not go, but the invite was nice to receive. She also earned her Rally Excellent title with two placements, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> and is earning double Qs now toward her RAE title and points toward her RACH. We will get back into barn hunt soon and, hopefully, agility in the next couple of months.

*Owned and handled by Denise Beaumont*

RACEN LEAP RUSH UNJ AP UWPO VPA UWPCHX UGCH INT CH  
URBIS LABRADALES BRIGHT STAR WC TT



Nova exceeded my expectations in August at the United Kennel Club Western Classic regional show. She won Best of Breed in four of the six shows over the long weekend, including two Group 1 placements, and an astonishing BEST IN SHOW under respected judge, Claire Mancha.

She finished her RACEN, LEAP, and RUSH titles, and gave three great qualifying efforts in weight pull, nearly hauling 30 times her body weight on the last day.

She is now qualified to compete alongside Tonks at the UKC Total Dog Invitational.

New

# Emerald Grand Champion



At the 2025 UKC Western Classic in August, Tonks was awarded Best of Breed. She earned qualifying performances in WEIGHT PULL, AGILITY, and STEEPLECHASE, thus qualifying her for the prestigious TOTAL DOG INVITATIONAL. She also earned her LEAP title in steeple.

Then at the Cascade American Pit Bull Terrier Club show in September, she won a GROUP 1 and GROUP 4 and earned her final leg for her EMERALD GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP.

LEAP AN NNCH AHD BA WSD UJCH USJCH UEWPCH FLY UWPS VPE AP<sub>8</sub> URO<sub>3</sub> SPRINT CAX  
**URBIS UERCH SUND OG DON T CALL ME NYMPHODORA**  
 SPOT-ON CAA DCAT RATN CGC TKP FDC VSWB FITG FTN WC TT SCN SIN SEN SD-1 LI-1 UL-1

*Loved, bred, trained, and shown by Kristen Reiter*

# Available Puppies

## Litter Listing as of September 1, 2025

**Litter Born: 7/09/25**

**Available: 1 Black Female, 2 Black Males**

**Sire: Am CH Can CH Dynamite Jack Bella Mare**

Hips = Excellent, Elbows = Normal, Eye = Normal/Clear (10.18.24), Heart ECHO= Advanced Normal/Clear, Prcd/PRA = Clear, EIC = Carrier, CNM = Clear, Dilute = Non-Dilute (Clear), HNPK= Clear, RD/OSD = Clear, DM= Clear, RD2 = Clear, MCD = Clear, SD2 = Clear, Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome = Clear, Cystinuria = Clear

**Dam: Can CH Orinico Bella Mare**

Hips = Good, Elbows = Normal, Eye = Normal/Clear (10.18.24), Heart ECHO= Advanced Normal/Clear, Prcd/PRA = Clear, EIC = Clear, CNM = Clear, Dilute = Non-Dilute (Clear), HNPK= Clear, RD/OSD = Clear, DM= Clear, RD2 = Clear, MCD = Clear, SD2 = Clear, Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome = Clear, Cystinuria = Clear

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**Date Listed:** 8/21/2025

**Litter Born: 7/19/25**

**Available: 2 Chocolate Females**

**Sire: Am CH Can CH Mykiss Grab Shell Dude WC CGC TKN**

Hips = Good, Elbows = Normal, Eye = Normal/Clear (09.26.24), Heart ECHO/Auscultation = Normal/Clear, Prcd/PRA = Clear, EIC = Clear, CNM = Clear, Dilute = Non-Dilute (Clear), HNPK= Clear, RD/OSD = Clear, DM= Clear, RD2 = Clear

**Dam: Can CH Soundviews One Mint Julep CGC TKN**

Hips = Good, Elbows = Normal, Eye = Normal/Clear (09.22.24), Heart ECHO/Auscultation = Normal/Clear, Prcd/PRA = Clear, EIC = Clear, CNM = Clear, Dilute = Non-Dilute (Clear), HNPK= Clear, RD-OSD= Clear, DM= Clear, SD2= Clear, CT= Clear

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**Date Listed:** 8/24/2025



**Litter Born: 8/30/25**

**Available: 5 Yellow Males**

**Sire: Am CH Can CH Dynamite Jack Bella Mare**

Hips = Excellent, Elbows = Normal, Eye = Normal/Clear (10.18.24), Heart ECHO= Advanced Normal/Clear, Prcd/PRA = Clear, EIC = Carrier, CNM = Clear, Dilute = Non-Dilute (Clear), HNPK= Clear, RD/OSD = Clear, DM= Clear, RD2 = Clear, MCD = Clear, SD2 = Clear, Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome = Clear, Cystinuria = Clear

**Dam: Skyfire's Twice Baked**

Hips = Excellent, Elbows = Normal, Eye = Normal/Clear (3.02.25), Heart ECHO= Advanced Normal/Clear, Prcd/PRA = Clear, EIC = Clear, CNM = Clear, Dilute = Non-Dilute (Clear), HNPK= Clear, RD/OSD = Clear, DM= Clear, RD2 = Clear, MCD = Carrier, SD2 = Clear, Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome = Clear, Hyperuicosuria = Clear, PKD = Clear, Narco-  
lepsy = Clear, XLMTM = Clear

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