



UNLEASHED

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Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 5, 2012

Time: 6:30

Location: Joe's Firehouse Tavern
38 South Vernon
Sunbury, OH

Meeting Dates

September 5

October 3

November 7

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I used to look at my dog Smokey and think "If you were a little smarter, you could tell me what you're thinking," and he'd look at me like he was saying, "If you were a little smarter, I wouldn't have to."

~ Fred Jungclau

PREZ NOTES... A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Thought for the month: There's nothing like a little experience to upset a theory.

I read with interest the letters published between newsletters. Those written by self-proclaimed "Labrador Breeders" who burn their Julie Brown Directories and demand attendance to their seminars. They hope to go down in history as saviours of the breed. Who are these people? And what sense does it make to destroy volumes of pedigrees that we should be using as information. There always will be those who rally to a cause; what the cause is varies from time to time. Crises in animal husbandry is ongoing. It is not new in dog breeding in general or Labrador breeding in particular. It does, however, separate the men from the boys. At least 15 years ago we were coping with suspected PRA carriers. Then, as now, some chose to spay their breeding stock, sure that the demise of the breed was at hand and not wanting to be involved. At least 50% of those kennels advertised 15 years ago are now nonexistent. Those of sturdier stock who possessed more

common sense, utilized the information and persevered. Right or wrong, they remained dedicated enough to the breed to weather the storm; those same people to a great extent are the ones who will persevere now. There are no easy answers and as my phone rings itself to death, I am disappointed that so many Labrador Folks are choosing to make loud and empty proclamations rather than dedicating themselves to realistically coping with the problem. Ophthalmologists don't seem to agree on much, but one fact remains universally accepted: the incidence of PRA in Labradors will not be reduced until a simple blood test is developed. Percentage-wise, those with any knowledge at all of hereditary defects are in the minority compared to the number of people producing puppies. Just call a few of those 17 ads in Sunday's paper. It is a sad state of affairs. Could it be that to some extent our breed will not only survive this but also benefit in

the sense that it must make caring breeders even more aware of the importance of clearing our breeding stock, and, hopefully, send those not dedicated enough screaming into the sunset? Good riddance. What would be most unfortunate would be if we lowered our standards in other areas for the sake of clear eyes. Hips and seizures remain with us. Perhaps most importantly, we should be aware of increasingly atypical temperments in our breed. What good is a gorgeous with all the appropriate clearances if she eats you and your stud dog! I'll get off my soapbox but please remember: if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. Fondly, Sally

~Sally Bell February, 1991

A Rare, Genetic Skin Disease in the Labrador Retriever

By Britt Levy

Attn: Labrador Retriever Breeders and/or Owners:

At the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine, we have been investigating the genetic basis of a severe and rapidly progressing skin disease found sporadically in Labrador Retrievers. This condition may be a form of Ichthyosis, a group of scaly skin disorders that are usually inherited and found in a variety of breeds, such as Golden Retrievers and American Bulldogs. In Labradors, the condition is characterized by generalized areas of scaling, with more severe scaling present on the trunk and limbs. The skin appears dry, with large plate-like scales, and can become itchy due to secondary skin infections. Hyperkeratosis or scaling of the footpads may also be present. Affected dogs can lose their normal resistance to infectious agents in the environment (bacteria, and yeast) and develop secondary skin infections or demodicosis (skin mites). In the past, breeders have been able to recognize the disease shortly after birth, after which time the severity of the disease progresses rapidly and often necessitates euthanasia. While we believe the condition is inherited as an autosomal recessive trait (thus both parents would be carriers), the exact mode of inheritance is still under investigation. Our main goal is to identify the mutation responsible for this disease in the Labrador, and create a genetic test to help develop breeding programs to eliminate it from the bloodline, without losing high quality breeding stock. For this, we would need a blood sample from affected dogs and/or their parents to make DNA for these tests.

If you have a Labrador with the following features and would be willing to help us find a method to diagnosis and eliminate this problem from this breed, please contact us.

1. Severe scaling or plaques (usually noticed when the dog was less than one year of age).
2. Prior examination by a veterinarian to rule out common skin conditions (e.g. mange, skin allergies).
3. If you own a parent of an affected dog.

***ALL INFORMATION IS HANDLED
CONFIDENTIALLY***

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Down 'n Back

Captain Nick's SunDel Sloop

Flash Point Agility

6/22/12

CPE C-ATCH Title

Owners: Paul & Christine Nickerson

Litter Listings

Boradors Prince of Tides x Shannon's Sister Golden Hair

Blacks whelped: 6/17/12

**contact: Jennifer Stotts 740-828-2657
or shannonlabradors@yahoo.com**

Ashway's Gambler x Bellmark's Good To Go Ashway, JH

Whelped 5/1/12

**1Chocolate female available
Contact Rose or Bill Ash at 740-881-
4326 or Ashway@columbus.rr.com**

AM/CAN CH Shannon's Peppar Salty Dog x

Hunterleigh's Paradocs Gwen

yellowes due late June

**contact: Jennifer Stotts 740-828-2657
or shannonlabradors@yahoo.com**

At this time, COLRC Unleashed! Does not require listing of CERF or OFA information for Litter Box Listings. All breeders are encouraged to have hips and eyes certified on all breeding stock and to provide this information in litter listings. COLRC Unleashed! does not represent any litter listing as meeting any type of breeder's code or standard. Ask the breeder when inquiring about dogs listed.

Specialty News

~ Susan Moseley

It is looking like everything is in place for the Specialty (one small exception but it's not of our doing and I expect it'll be resolved soon). We have gotten AKC approval, rosette/ribbon decisions have been made, Judges have been signed, travel arranged, hotels booked, ads have been placed.

A contract has been signed with the DOKC that gives us an inside ring this year so it looks like the Sweeps classes will not have participants and judges slipping on the frost! I guess we'll have to find our entertainment someplace else this year. And hopefully this hot, dry summer won't continue through October.

I would like to thank everyone for sponsoring the Saturday regular classes and to Jennifer and Dennis Stotts and Steve LaVelle for donating the Rosettes for both days. And a special thanks to Sally Bell for all of her efforts to put the prizes together.

So, other than the raffle committee (who are probably going to be kicking it for a bit) it looks good, it looks like we can sit back and rest for a short while.

Medina Kennel Club, Inc.	O	Medina, OH	Sat 07/21/2012	Closes: Wed 07/04
Medina Kennel Club, Inc.	O	Medina, OH	Sun 07/22/2012	Closes: Wed 07/04
Dan Emmett Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Marion, OH	Fri 07/27/2012	Closes: Wed 07/11
Dan Emmett Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Marion, OH	Sat 07/28/2012	Closes: Wed 07/11
Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Marion, OH	Sun 07/29/2012	Closes: Wed 07/11
Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/JSHW	Marion, OH	Mon 07/30/2012	Closes: Wed 07/11
Fort Steuben Kennel Association, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Canfield, OH	Thu 08/02/2012	Closes: Wed 07/18
Columbiana County Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW/RLY	Canfield, OH	Fri 08/03/2012	Closes: Wed 07/18
Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Canfield, OH	Sat 08/04/2012	Closes: Wed 07/18
Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.	RLY	Canfield, OH	Sat 08/04/2012	Closes: Wed 07/18
Mahoning-shenango Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Canfield, OH	Sun 08/05/2012	Closes: Wed 07/18
Lorain County Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW/RLY	Oberlin, OH	Sat 08/11/2012	Lorain County Kennel Club, Inc.
Lorain County Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW/RLY	Oberlin, OH	Sun 08/12/2012	Closes: Wed 07/25
St. Clairsville Ohio Kennel Club	AB/JSHW	St Clairsville, OH	Sat 08/18/2012	Closes: Wed 08/01
St. Clairsville Ohio Kennel Club	AB/JSHW	St Clairsville, OH	Sun 08/19/2012	Closes: Wed 08/01
Sugarbush Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/JSHW	Chagrin Falls, OH	Fri 08/24/2012	Closes: Wed 08/08
Sugarbush Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW/RLY	Chagrin Falls, OH	Sat 08/25/2012	Closes: Wed 08/08
Western Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW/RLY	Chagrin Falls, OH	Sun 08/26/2012	Closes: Wed 08/08

Lake Erie Labrador Retriever Club

**September 9, 2012: Eye, Heart, & Microchip Clinic
CGC Testing Clinic
Medina Kennel Club Training Facility
6162 Wooster Pike Road (Ohio Route 3)**

General COLRC Information



The **UNLEASHED!** is a publication by and for the members of the **Central Ohio Labrador Retriever Club** and others interested in the betterment of the sport and advancement of cooperative communication within the Labrador community and the dog fancy.

The articles and information contained in this publication have been deemed by the editor to be of interest to our readers but do not necessarily reflect the beliefs or the opinions of the editor or COLRC members. Reader input is actively solicited.

Please address or email all articles, announcements, comments and suggestions to newsletter@colrc.com. Unleashed is published ten to twelve times per year. Closing for each issue is the 20th day of the month prior to publication.

Dues are \$30 annually for a single membership and \$50 for a joint membership. Business cards will be placed on the COLRC website for the year at a cost of \$50 for members and non-members.

Club members who wish to utilize the Litter Listing Column of the newsletter and website will be required to pay \$50 per litter listing unless they have worked at two of our three club events during the course of the year.

Meetings General meetings shall take place the first Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted.

OFFICERS

President.....	Sally Bell	(Term expires Dec 2013)
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Linda Bednarski	(Term expires Dec 2012)

2012 ALL BREED EYE, HEART AND MICROCHIP CLINIC

AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing

SPONSORED BY THE LAKE ERIE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB

DATE: Sunday, September 9, 2012 PLACE: Medina Kennel Club Facility
 6162 Wooster Pike Road (Rt. 3)
 TIME: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Medina, Ohio 44256

The Lake Erie Labrador Retriever Club (LELRC) will sponsor an **ALL BREED** Eye, Heart, and Microchip Clinic as well as AKC CGC Testing at the Medina Kennel Club's Training Facility. The eye exams will be performed by Dr. Anne Gemensky-Metzler, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVO, Associate Professor-Clinical Comparative Ophthalmology. Dr. Robert Hamlin, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVIM, Cardiologist/Internal Medicine will conduct the heart exams. Both doctors are from The Ohio State University. Please bring your own grooming brush/comb for CGC testing. The cost of these exams as well as CGC testing is detailed below. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.** Please contact Judy Segedi (information below) to schedule your appointment and then send your check, payable to the LELRC, and registration form to Judy Segedi. Sorry, no refunds.

EYE EXAMS \$32 per dog	HEART EXAMS \$25 per dog	MICROCHIPS \$25 per dog	CGC Testing \$10 per test
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Contact Information: Judy Segedi
 2787 Marks Road
 Valley City, OH 44280
 330-764-9717
LELRC@zoominternet.net

If you need additional eye/heart forms, please go to www.LELRC.net .

OWNER		PHONE NUMBER	
ADDRESS (Street/City/State/Zip Code)		Email Address	
CANINE'S REGISTERED NAME			
BREED/VARIETY	COAT COLOR/TYPE	TATTOO or MICROCHIP NUMBER	
CANINE'S REGISTRATION NUMBER	CANINE'S BIRTH DATE	DOG OR BITCH	PLEASE CIRCLE CGC – YES / NO
PLEASE CIRCLE ONE HEART EXAM – YES / NO	PLEASE CIRCLE ONE EYE EXAM – YES / NO	PLEASE CIRCLE ONE MICROCHIP – YES / NO	
PLEASE CIRCLE ONE WOULD YOU PREFER - MORNING APPT. / AFTERNOON APPT. ?			