



# UNLEASHED

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## Next Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, June 6, 2012

**Time:** 6:30

**Location:**

Jan Eichensehr's Home

Galena, Ohio

BYOB, a dish to share and a dog

(Check the membership list for the street address)

## Meeting Dates

June 6

July 11

September 5

October 3

November 7

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*I can train any dog in five minutes. It's training  
the owner that takes longer.*

*~Barbara Woodhouse*

## Member Spotlight

### Jan Eichensehr

I was recently reminded by Jennifer Stotts that I was supposed to kick off the "Member Spotlight" that is going to be featured each month in COLRC Newsletter. Please take note that I am not a writer and my grammar is nothing to write home about

As most of you know I had worked in a skilled care nursing facility for over 22 years and one Saturday I went to a place called The Barking Lot close to my home to buy dog food for my one and only mix breed dog named Ouzo. I saw a help wanted sign and something came over me and I asked for an application. I was hired on the spot. I gave 2 weeks' notice to my old job and never looked back. I was definitely on old sick people burn out, it was time for a change. I had never run a cash register before and my 2 co-workers would be 2 Labradors, Gunner and Crocket. The 1st month was pure hell. Learning a whole new way of life in retail and was basically was left alone in a small feed store with the 2 dogs. It was a great job after I got the hang of it and the people buying dog food and supplies were the best. I had regular customers and it became a family atmosphere. I couldn't wait to go to work.

That's where I met a customer Jean Heselton who was one of the 1st club members. She was a dog trainer who also had a few Chocolate Labs from Rose and Bill Ash and I

*Jan continued*

asked her one day if I could tag along to watch and learn. I ended up working alongside her during the evenings and weekends for 6 years. She invited me to come to a club meeting and then took me out to Sally Bell's place. That's where I got my 1<sup>st</sup> Labrador, Boradors Baileys Irish Cream. He was huge and the best dog I will have ever owned. He became my 1<sup>st</sup> Therapy Dog. After attending a few meetings Rose Ash called and asked me to ride along with her to Miami Valley. It was my 1<sup>st</sup> trip to a dog show. I was pretty over whelmed with the whole dog show idea. After that Sally approached me at one of the meetings and asked if I wanted to go to Cobo Hall with her. I realized I was in hot demand to hold dogs at ring side and was damn good at it. All kidding aside soon after I purchased my 1<sup>st</sup> show dog from Sally, Borador The Gringo. That's where the fun began. I started traveling to shows with the crew Sally Bell, Linda Bednarski, Lori Bentine, Barb Scott, Jennifer Stotts. We traveled to all the show circuits in Ohio. I even showed my dog in what looked like a horse stall with sawdust on the floor at the Croton fairgrounds. We traveled in a Caravan of vans packed full of dogs and after setting up camp we would cram ourselves like sardines in a can into one of Sally's 1<sup>st</sup> motor homes to sleep. Those were the best of times. I met the most fun people along the way. Some were just plain crazy and some so nasty I could not believe they had friends. But all in all we ALL had a common bond ....our dogs. I made more ever lasting friendships along the way and the stories got better with each travel. I continued to travel with Jennifer and Christian DiSabato, sometimes I even went without a dog. And then I started to attend the Canfield shows with everyone. I would even take Ron Bell's old pop up camper and with several dogs we weathered desert like temperatures, tornado like storms, and tropical rainstorms that last 5 days out of the 5 day trip. I wouldn't trade those times for anything. They were all the best and I have plenty of film to prove it from the "Jan Cam".

After entering my first shows I soon learned that your shoes should match your dress and it took a special talent to run around a show ring of wet grass in these ballerina type fancy shoes and to hold on to a huge dog with a shoestring for a leash. There was even a time when we were traveling to all these towns in Ohio, one was Ravenna, I can't remember all the others, and the ribbon I won was always the same color as my dress. The last day I came out of Sally's motor home I had this white or cream dress on and everyone screamed for me to put something blue or purple on. I did not listen and even Jennifer tried to put a sparkly belt on me. The end result was 4th place and yes there were only 4 dogs in the class. HA HA.

A few years passed and my husband and I built a home in the country. One afternoon about 6 vans pulled into my drive for a SURPRIZE welcome wagon party. Sally gave me a black Lab from a breeding from she and Barb Scott for a house warming present along with 6 chickens but I won't get into that story . HA HA! He was a beautiful puppy but the ugliest dog growing up but he blossomed at 18 months into what I thought was the most handsome dog ever. Of course that wasn't everyone's opinion. He won his Championship with 4- 4point majors under all breeder judges and he also went BOB at a supported entry at the Monroe specialty. It was my 15 minutes of fame. I was shocked to hear such rude comments by some people when he finished his championship, that it was political....yadda yadda....I had had a handler show Roy as he needed one single to finish. When I walked away feeling a little wounded instead of elated Sally gave me the best advice.....Never worry about what people are saying about you; you only worry when people stop talking about you . Very sound advice and words of wisdom I thought. And low and behold I went BOB at that show showing him myself. Now that was my glory! And my pants were purple by the way.

My wins were short but sweet but very special to me. I knew my numbers in dogs would always be low and once they entered my house they would stay. So my showing days became slim and it was by my choice. All of my dogs are or soon to become Therapy dogs and have done some very special things and have touched many lives. My 20 some years in Labradors have brought many lasting friendships into my life and some of the best stories ever told. And for that I will be forever grateful.

So that's my story and I'm stickin to it,

Jan Eichensehr

## Photo Opportunity

Andrea Fitch, whom many of you met at the puppy match, is willing to come to our June meeting at Jan Eichensehr's house and do some photos of your dogs for you. Her prices are very reasonable and she does fantastic work. Jan's

house provides a beautiful setting for pictures but in case of inclement weather, Andrea will bring some backdrops as well.

### Prints

4 x 6 inch	\$ 5.00
5 x 5 inch	\$ 7.00
5 x 7 inch	\$ 10.00
8 x 10 or 8 x 12 inch	\$ 20.00
11 x 14 inch	\$ 25.00
16 x 20 inch	\$ 40.00
8 wallets	\$ 8.00

### Packages (packages are of all the same image)

A : (1) 5 x 7 , (2) 8 x 10 and (8) wallets	\$ 40.00
B : (2) 5 x 7 inch and (1) 8 x 10	\$ 27.00

The session fee of \$65 will be divided between the number of dogs photographed. If there is a product or size of print not listed below just let Andrea know as many sizes available and only the most common sizes are listed.

## Breeder/Exhibitor Rant

Jennifer Stotts

Cough...cough....gag....choke...If you've been "in dogs" for very long, you recognize that sound. It is the sound I have listened to at my kennel for going on four weeks now. Now, I realize that kennel cough is not the worst thing that can happen in a kennel of dogs; it does not tend to be life threatening. However, I wonder if the person or persons who showed up at the Central Ohio Kennel Club Dog show with dog(s) coughing realized the extended ramifications of that decision. Exposure to a variety of contagions is an assumed risk that exhibitors take on a regular basis, and we do everything we can to avoid bringing home those contagions. My dogs were not kenneled in the building and we were only in the building about an hour.

Six days after the show, I heard the first tell-tale hack from the puppy I exhibited, followed closely by the adult bitch I showed. Gradually, like a slowly advancing tidal wave, it spread through the kennel. Again, kennel cough is not generally life threatening. However, I have a bitch in whelp, three seven week old puppies and I also had three dogs that were all set to go to new homes. So far, the puppies have avoided it somehow (yes, I am knocking on wood), and the bitch in whelp only had a mild case. However, the three dogs that were set to go to new homes two weeks ago, are still at my house because their new owners didn't want to bring home a dog with kennel cough, understandably. Add to that, one of my six month old youngsters got an especially bad case of it and spiked a temperature; I had to get medication to get him over the hump. I had two dogs entered at MVLRC that I could not take because they were still coughing. I have not been able to take dogs to training class for three weeks. So, I figure in monetary losses, I am at a minimum of \$200.

Yes, I suppose I could get the Bordatella vaccine, but I don't look at it as a sound investment since it only covers something like 16 of the 64 varieties of kennel cough. The point is, one exhibitor's decision had such a far reaching impact; I am one person of the countless whose dogs contracted kennel cough after the same show, and I hear the same thing happened at an agility trial the same weekend, different location.

As we often say, it's a dog show; there's another one next weekend. Don't take your sick dog to the dog show. I sure hope the individual who deemed it necessary to share kennel cough with the entire show at least won!

## American Kennel Club News Article

### USDA/APHIS NOW ACCEPTING COMMENTS ON FEDERAL RULE PROPOSAL

**Date of Article:** May 17, 2012

Yesterday, a proposed change to how the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) may administer federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations affecting “Retail Pet Stores and Licensing Exemptions” was published to the Federal Register. Comments on the proposal are now being accepted by APHIS.

The American Kennel Club continues to believe that the proposed changes have the potential to significantly impact AKC breeders, and encourages all interested parties to review the proposed rule and offer comment.

[Click here to view the proposed rule.](#)

[Click here to view a USDA Fact Sheet about the proposed rule.](#)

**Background:** The AWA exempts from federal licensing and regulations “retail pet stores”, which are defined as anyone selling puppies directly to a final customer for use as pets. It is this exemption that enables most small or hobby breeders to currently avoid being licensed and regulated by the USDA.

***The new proposed rule rescinds the exempt “retail pet store” status of anyone selling pets at retail to buyers who do not physically enter the breeder’s facilities in order to personally observe the animals available for sale prior to purchase and/or to take custody of the animals after purchase.*** The primary purpose of this rule is to regulate breeders who sell puppies online. The changes in the rule mean that breeders or others who sell puppies sight unseen, by any means, would now be regulated under USDA regulations.

The proposed rule also increases from three to four the number of a breeding females that a person may maintain on his or her premises and be exempt from the licensing and inspection requirements in the AWA, regardless of how the offspring are sold.

The AKC has a number of concerns, including:

- In many cases, geographic distance makes it difficult for a purchaser to personally visit or pick up the puppy at the breeder’s kennel. Such scenarios are particularly common for breeders and fanciers of rare breeds and others who may be purchasing a second pet from the same breeder or already have an established relationship with a breeder. Requiring such individuals to comply with regulations designed for large commercial may not be appropriate.
- The term “breeding female” is not defined. It is unclear at what age a female dog might be considered a “breeding female”.
- The AKC believes, based on its own experience in kennel inspections and breeding operations that the Regulatory Impact Analysis provided in the proposed rule vastly underestimates both the number of individuals who will be impacted and the expense to occasional breeders to establish commercial-level facilities.

***Changes to regulations differ significantly from legislation.*** Unlike legislation, where entire new laws can easily be developed, the proposed rule (regulations) may only address a narrow scope of how an existing law—the AWA—may be administered by the government. This means that the options for impacting regulatory outcomes are very limited compared to options for impacting legislation. **The primary recourse for impacted parties for regulatory change is to provide specific expertise and comment on the proposed rule – which may or may not be accepted by the executive authority interpreting the law.**

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

The USDA is seeking constructive comment on the proposed rule or alternatives to the recommendations. Individuals concerned about the proposed rule change for retail pet stores have until Monday, July 16, 2012, to comment on the rule. Comments may be made:

\* [Online here](#).

Via postal mail to:

Docket No. APHIS–2011–0003Regulatory  
Analysis and Development PPD,  
APHIS, Station 3A–03.84700 River Road,  
Unit 118 Riverdale, MD 20737–1238  
*AKC encourages you to respectfully share your thoughtful comments  
through the official public comment site. The AKC will also pursue a  
multi-pronged approach:*

- \* In addition to encouraging you to share your concerns directly with APHIS, AKC GR is also interested in your concerns and questions. You may send these to [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org). We will share the most common concerns directly with APHIS (leaving off your contact information). These will also help to inform AKC's response to these regulations.
- We will provide formal comments regarding AKC's position on the regulation.

Please note, federal regulations do not supersede state licensing laws: If you meet the requirements for licensing at both state and federal levels, you would be responsible for obtaining both licenses. Some states do not require breeders to be licensed by the state if they are already federally licensed. This is an issue that varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Individuals should check with their state/local authorities to determine how they would be impacted.

For more information, contact AKC's Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720, or email [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org).

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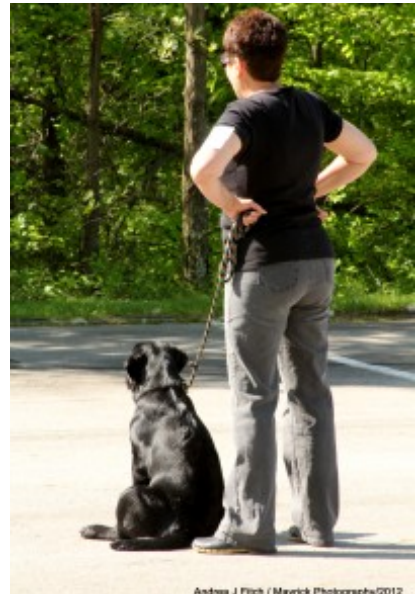


# COLRC 2012 Puppy Match

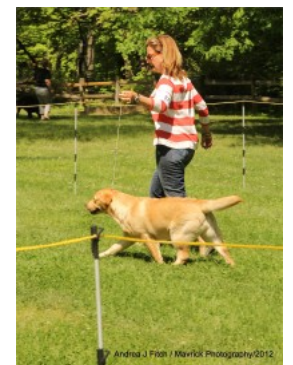
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## **Down 'n Back**

**CH Shannon's Peppermint Patty**

**Central Ohio KC**

**4/22/12**

**BOB**

**owner: Jennifer Stotts**

## **Litter Listings**

**Ashway's Gambler x**

**Bellmark's Good To Go Ashway,  
JH**

**Whelped 5/1/12**

**Chocolate females available**

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

**UKC CH Captain Nick's Beam**

**Reach RN (AKC pointed) x**

**Devanley Captain Nick's Viking**

**Princess Sela RN (AKC & UKC  
pointed)**

**Chocolate Litter whelped 4/13/12**

**1 female available**

**Contact Paul or Christine Nickerson**

**440-238-9378**

**Christine@CaptainNicksLabs.com**

**www.CaptainNicksLabs.com**

**PuppyCam @**

**[http://www.ustream.tv/channel/beamer-  
and-sela-pups](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/beamer-and-sela-pups)**

**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**

**Dear COLRC Members,**

**I want to thank you so much for your generous donation to Fort Wilderness in my father's name. They are purchasing a sunfish sailboat with all the donations collected and are calling it 'star gazer'. My father was the star gazing teacher for our family camp, which we attended for 16 years. John, the kids and I are returning to family camp this summer for a week in July after 25 years of being away!**

**Thank you again!**

**Sarah Metzler**

**Webmaster**

*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.*

# June/July Shows

Echo Hills Kennel Club Of Ohio	AB/O/JSHW/RLY	Troy, OH	Sat 06/16/2012	Closes: Wed 05/30
Echo Hills Kennel Club Of Ohio	AB/O/JSHW/RLY	Troy, OH	Sun 06/17/2012	Closes: Wed 05/30
Valparaiso Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Valparaiso, IN	Thu 06/21/2012	Closes: Wed 06/06
Valparaiso Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Valparaiso, IN	Fri 06/22/2012	Closes: Wed 06/06
Michiana Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Valparaiso, IN	Sat 06/23/2012	Closes: Wed 06/06
Berrien Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Valparaiso, IN	Sun 06/24/2012	Closes: Wed 06/06
Sandusky Kennel Club	AB/JSHW	Lima, OH	Fri 06/29/2012	Closes: Wed 06/13
Dayton Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/JSHW	Lima, OH	Sat 06/30/2012	Closes: Wed 06/13
Lima Kennel Club	AB/JSHW	Lima, OH	Sun 07/01/2012	Closes: Wed 06/13
Ann Arbor Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW/RLY	Monroe, MI	Sat 07/07/2012	Closes: Wed 06/20
Ann Arbor Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW/RLY	Monroe, MI	Sun 07/08/2012	Closes: Wed 06/20
Grand River Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/JSHW	Madison, OH	Fri 07/13/2012	Closes: Wed 06/27
Ashtabula Kennel Club	AB/JSHW	Madison, OH	Sat 07/14/2012	Closes: Wed 06/27
Grand River Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/JSHW	Madison, OH	Sun 07/15/2012	Closes: Wed 06/27
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



## 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](mailto:newsletter@colrc.com). Unleashed is published ten to twelve times per year. Closing for each issue is the 20<sup>th</sup> 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

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Eye Clinic.....	Jennifer Stotts

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