



UNLEASHED

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Meeting Date: Wednesday,
October 4

Time: 6:30p.m.

Location: At the home of John &
Lori Bentine

Lasagna Dinner

2017 Meeting Dates

October 4

Specialty October 28 & 29

November 1

December Christmas Party TBA

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COLRC Specialty Ramblings . . .

Be inspired by Autumn. Clean out a closet, barn or shop! Get creative or please just bring me stuff. All raffle items great and small are welcome at the Fall lab club meeting. I have just started to scour my favorite haunts for interesting and unique items that will generate a "buzz" and \$\$\$ for our club. Labrador art, leather leads, dog toys/beds, etched glassware, gently used outdoor gear, rainwear/boots, are just some suggestions for possible raffle donations. I'm still looking for baskets and fun containers of all sizes. We will have our "Silent Auction" section of the raffle again. Bottles of wine, dog food and treats are always welcome. I appreciate the totally finished basket donation (Jan and Jennifer!) as well as individual items that I can use as "stand alone" or "go with" items. Marshall's and T.J. Maxx have great pet supplies. Bumpers from Cabela's with training leads, whistle and Yeti mugs would be wonderful also. Coolers from Target, fold-up chairs from Wal-Mart or a "pop-up" tent from Costco would be fantastic!

We're going to need some serious help executing this show once again. Please come to the next meeting willing to step up and do what's needed. Aside from our Health Clinic, it's the one other club event that everyone should work hard to support. Plus, it's always a good time!

See you on October 4th!

Lori
Specialty Show Chair



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Take Care of Your Pets Before Disaster Strikes

Hurricanes, wildfires, floods, earthquakes, terrorist attacks, civil unrest—emergencies can strike at any moment. In many cases, you may need to evacuate your home. Are you prepared to care for your pets during an evacuation?

If you must evacuate, take your pets with you if at all possible. You're the best person to care for them. Also, as the American Veterinary Medical Association pointed out in its brochure about preparing for a disaster, if the situation is dangerous for people, it's dangerous for animals, too.

Preparing to take your pet

Before you leave your home, know where you can take your pets. During an emergency, temporary public shelters may not allow animals inside. If this is the case, you'll need to find alternatives. Have a list of pet-friendly motels or hotels, or plan to go to the house of a friend or relative who will let you bring your pets.

You never know when an emergency will arise that will force you to leave your home, so even if you have no plans to travel with your pets, it's still a good idea to get them used to a crate or carrier. If your pets are already familiar with the crate or carrier, you may have less trouble getting them into it and they may have less anxiety during travel.

Also consider having your pets microchipped. A microchip is a small implant that's injected under the skin and provides pets with a permanent identification that can't fall off, be removed, or become impossible to read. If your pets are taken to a veterinary clinic or animal shelter, they will be scanned to obtain their unique microchip number. The veterinary clinic or animal shelter will then call the pet recovery service and report the microchip number and you will be contacted using the information on file. Make sure to register your pets' microchip numbers and keep your contact information up to date.

What to take

When you evacuate your home, be sure to take:

- At least a 1-week supply of food and fresh water for your pets;
- Medications, if your pets take medication;
- Copies of your pets' vaccination records and other medical records;
- Information about your pet insurance policy, if you have one; and
- Photos of your pets to help others identify them if you become separated. (Microchips can also help reunite you with your pets in case of a separation.)

Assemble all of this into a disaster kit that you can grab as you leave.

If you cannot take your pets when you evacuate and must leave them in

your home, put a [Rescue Alert Sticker](#) on your door to let people know there are pets inside.

Relying on a neighbor

If you get trapped away from your home due to a disaster or other emergency, your pets will be better off if you've already arranged for your neighbor or nearby friend to take care of them during a crisis.

The temporary caretaker should have phone numbers to reach you (a cell phone number may be best), and all the instructions necessary to properly care for your pets. Those instructions should include a signed authorization for veterinary care, and financial limits to the veterinary care.

Afterward

Emergencies can make pets display unexpected or uncharacteristic behaviors. Normally well-behaved pets may become aggressive and defensive after a major disruption in their lives. Animals may not return to more typical behavior for several weeks.

Make sure you keep a close eye on your pets in their new surroundings, both inside and outside. Ideally, dogs should be leash-walked or under your supervision in a secured fenced-in area. Cats should be confined to one room or a small indoor area until they get acclimated. Allow your pets plenty of time to rest and get used to their new environment. Provide familiar toys and beds, if possible.

Hopefully, you'll never have to evacuate your home and worry about what to do with your pets. That being said, it's smart to be prepared and have a plan. Like insurance, it's better to be prepared with a plan and never use it, than it is to find yourself having to figure out at the last minute what to do with your pets when a disaster strikes.

More Information

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a detailed brochure entitled "[Prepare for Emergencies Now: Information for Pet Owners](#)" that describes what pet owners can do to prepare for an emergency.

Ready.gov has a Web page ([Pets and Animals](#)) with information for pet owners about preparing for a disaster. The Web page also includes tips for people who own large animals, like horses and livestock.

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has a Web page ([Pets and Disasters](#)) that provides disaster preparedness information for animal owners. You can also download the association's detailed brochure, "[Saving the Whole Family](#)," for free. This brochure includes information about many species of animals, including dogs, cats, horses, livestock, birds, small mammals, reptiles, and amphibians.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS) has a brochure entitled "[Saving Pets Saves Lives](#)" that describes how APHIS can help local and state emergency response officials before and during an emergency.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), many disaster evacuation centers—specifically Red Cross evacuation centers—can't accept pets because of states' health and safety regulations. CDC has a Web page that addresses the health and safety concerns regarding animals kept in non-Red Cross evacuation centers ([Animals in Public Evacuation Centers](#)). CDC also has a [blog post](#) that discusses 5 things pet owners should know to keep their pets safe in an emergency.

RedRover is a non-profit organization focused on helping animals and people in times of crisis. The charity has a Web page with tips on how to make sure your pets are protected during an emergency and includes links to lists of pet-friendly accommodations both in the U.S. and internationally ([RedRover Pet Disaster Preparedness](#)).

Reprinted from U.S. Food and Drug Administration; <https://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/ResourcesforYou/ucm047099.htm>; updated 9/9/17.

Membership Dues

It is that time of year again to renew your COLRC club memberships.

Dues are \$25 annually for a single membership and \$40 for a joint membership.

Also Business cards will be placed on the COLRC website for the year at a cost of \$50.

Please mail your check by January 1, 2018 to:

Chris Bell

5585 Wilcox Rd

Dublin, Oh 43016

Also, if you have changes from last year, please be sure to include those also.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 614-563-8510.

Down 'n Back

Captain Nick's Compass Rose
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club
AKC Agility Trial
9/8/17
Novice JWW Title
Owner: Christine Nickerson

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Cleveland All-Breed Training Club
AKC Agility Trial
9/8/17
Novice Standard Q 1st place
Owner: Christine Nickerson

**Captain Nick's Tiller Towards
Trouble**
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club
AKC Agility Trial
9/8/17
Novice JWW Q
Owner: Christine Nickerson

Captain Nick's Rogue Wave
Carnation City Kennel Club
9/9/17
WD, BOW, New Champion
Owner: Christine Nickerson

Captain Nick's Winch Grinder
Carnation City Kennel Club
9/10/17
BOB, Grand Champion
Owner: Christine Nickerson

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.

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Dues are \$25 annually for a single membership and \$40 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.

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