



# UNLEASHED

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## Next Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, September 4

**Time:** 6:30

**Location:** Home of Linda Bednarski

## 2013 Meeting Dates

September 4 - Linda Bednarski's Home –  
Show Planning

October 2 - Lori Bentine's Home – Show  
Planning

November 6

December Christmas Party

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## Fun Day

**COLRC Members Joyce and Ray Steinle have extended an invitation to Club members for a "Fun Day " at the Hardin County Coonhunters Club on Saturday, August 10th, 2013 from 2 to 4p.m.**

**This will be a fun filled event that will afford owners the opportunity to socialize their dog. The club has a beautiful pond for the dogs to swim and practice retrieving. Conformation practice is also planned.**

**The Hardin County Coonhunters Club is located 5 miles from Kenton, Ohio. Address is**

**21623 County Road 144  
Hepburn, OH 43326**

**Make sure to mark the date on your calendar. Please RSVP by Thursday, August 1st, 2013.**

# What Every Dog Owner Should Know About Foxtails

*By Brandy Arnold, 6/7/2013*

You've probably seen plenty of foxtails out in nature before; mostly growing in meadows, along roadsides, or in vacant lots, but you may not have known what they were.

Foxtails are simply foxtail-like seed clusters usually found on the stalks of some types of grasses. These clusters have sharp points that are designed to penetrate the soil the moment they come loose from the plant, enabling the seed to take hold in the ground and begin to grow roots.



To make sure that seeds take root to the ground, the clusters contain barbs that make it hard for the cluster to come loose from the dirt once it begins to penetrate. The outside part of the cluster also harbors bacteria composed of enzymes that break down cellular matters; thus, helping the seed bury itself into the ground past the other plants.

Foxtails cause the most trouble for dogs during the late months of spring and summer seasons, typically in drier climates as this is the time when the seeds come loose from the plant and begin searching for a place to take root. You can find foxtails around the country, but they are most common in the western parts of the US. In fact, the largest occurrence of foxtails is in the state of California.

## How Are Foxtails Dangerous to Dogs?

In nature's sense, foxtails help for plant reseeding. For dogs, however, it creates a whole different set of issues. The moment a dog comes into contact with a loose cluster of foxtail, it can attach to his fur and start to move inward as he moves. The barbs found on the cluster will keep it from falling off the dog's fur, and the bacterial enzymes will cause the animal's hair and tissues to break down. Foxtails can work their way into the animal's body just as how they do in the ground.

This results in a very sick pooch. The degree of his illness will depend on the area where the foxtail has tried to enter, as well as how much damage was done in the process. Foxtails normally enter the animal's nasal passage, ears, eyes, mouth, and even in the lungs, alongside the backbone, and into the many other parts throughout the dog's body.

A vet will have to locate the foxtail and get rid of it. If the foxtail has unluckily embedded past the reach of the forceps or tweezers, the pet would need to undergo surgery to take the culprit off his body.

*(Foxytails Continued)*

### **Signs to Watch Out For:**

You might want to consider that your dog has picked up a foxtail (1) in the nose if he suddenly sneezes, paws at his nose, and if you see that there is bleeding from his nostril; (2) in the ear/s if your pooch paws at his ear, tilts his head, shakes his head, cries, and or if he displays a stiff gait while walking; (3) in the eye if your pet squints, tears, and shows mucus discharge through his affected eye; and (4) in the mouth if he gags, retches, coughs, eats grass, stretches his neck, and swallows repeatedly.

If you believe that your pet has encountered a foxtail, you would need to immediately seek a veterinary assistance if you cannot successfully remove the foxtail yourself. It is very crucial that you act as quickly as you can since embedded foxtails can result to serious and worse, fatal infections.

What Every Dpg Owner Should Know About Foxtails (<http://dogingtonpost.com/what-every-dog-owner-should-know-about-foxtails/#.UcXtDzttdD>)

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### **Down 'n Back**

#### **Captain Nick's Sundel Sloop**

CVGRC AKC Agility Trial

5/31/13

2 AKC Agility Titles & 1st Places

NJP & NAP

Owners: Paul & Christine Nickerson

#### **Captain Nick's Tiller Towards Trouble**

McKinley Kennel Club

6/8/13

RWB

Owners: Paul & Christine Nickerson

#### **Captain Nick's Compass Rose**

McKinley Kennel Club

6/8/13

Beginner Novice Obedience Title

Owners: Paul & Christine Nickerson

### **Litter Listings**

#### **Looking for a young dog?**

15 month old yellow male

Lead trained, crate trained, house trained

Current on all vaccines and heart worm and

flea preventatives

Microchipped

Contact: Jennifer Stotts

shannonlabradors@yahoo.com.

740-828-2657

# The Danger of Water Intoxication

Swimming dogs are at risk of ingesting too much water

By JoAnna Lou



Last week a friend's dog had a close call with water intoxication. Her crew was playing in a local river when one of her Border Collies emerged staggering and vomiting liquid.

Symptoms quickly worsened on the way to the vet, but after a few harrowing days, the dog was fortunate to make a full recovery.

Apparently the poor pup ingested too much water while repeatedly diving into the river, mouth open, trying to catch a ball. Drinking too much causes electrolyte levels to drop, thinning blood plasma and leading to swelling of the brain and other organs.

Before I learned about water intoxication, I thought that playing in the lake was safe if your dog was a strong swimmer. But now I know to be mindful of how my guys interact with the water and to force them to take ample breaks. Dogs can even drink too much water from playing with a lawn sprinkler.

Unfortunately water intoxication progresses quickly. Now that summer is officially here, it's important to review the signs so you can get an affected dog to the vet as soon as possible.

Symptoms include lack of coordination, lethargy, nausea, bloating, vomiting, dilated pupils, glazed eyes, light gum color, and excessive salivation. Advanced symptoms include difficulty breathing, collapsing, loss of consciousness, and seizures.

As the weather gets warmer, stay safe. Water intoxication can affect both people and our pups.

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## Coming Events

Grand River Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/JSHW	Madison, OH	Fri 07/12/2013	Closes: Wed 06/26
Ashtabula Kennel Club	AB/JSHW	Madison, OH	Sat 07/13/2013	Closes: Wed 06/26
Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.	O	Moraine, OH	Sat 07/13/2013	Closes: Wed 06/26
Grand River Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/JSHW	Madison, OH	Sun 07/14/2013	Closes: Wed 06/26
Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.	O	Moraine, OH	Sun 07/14/2013	Closes: Wed 06/26
Medina Kennel Club, Inc.	O	Medina, OH	Sat 07/20/2013	Closes: Wed 07/03
Medina Kennel Club, Inc.	O	Medina, OH	Sun 07/21/2013	Closes: Wed 07/03
Dan Emmett Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Marion, OH	Fri 07/26/2013	Closes: Wed 07/10
Dan Emmett Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Marion, OH	Sat 07/27/2013	Closes: Wed 07/10
Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Marion, OH	Sun 07/28/2013	Closes: Wed 07/10
Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/JSHW	Marion, OH	Mon 07/29/2013	Closes: Wed 07/10
Fort Steuben Kennel Association, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Canfield, OH	Thu 08/01/2013	Closes: Wed 07/17
Columbiana County Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Canfield, OH	Fri 08/02/2013	Closes: Wed 07/17
Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Canfield, OH	Sat 08/03/2013	Closes: Wed 07/17
Mahoning-shenango Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Canfield, OH	Sun 08/04/2013	Closes: Wed 07/17
Lorain County Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Oberlin, OH	Sat 08/10/2013	Closes: Wed 07/24
Lorain County Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Oberlin, OH	Sun 08/11/2013	Closes: Wed 07/24
Sugarbush Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/JSHW	Chagrin Falls, OH	Fri 08/23/2013	Closes: Wed 08/07
Sugarbush Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW/RLY	Chagrin Falls, OH	Sat 08/24/2013	Closes: Wed 08/07
Western Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW/Rly	Chagrin Falls, OH	Sun 08/25/2013	Closes: Wed 08/07
Lexington Kennel Club Inc	AB/O/JSHW	Lexington, KY	Thu 08/29/2013	Closes: Wed 08/14
Northern Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Lexington, KY	Fri 08/30/2013	Closes: Wed 08/14
Lexington Kennel Club Inc	AB/O/JSHW	Lexington, KY	Sat 08/31/2013	Pending
Northern Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Lexington, KY	Sun 09/01/2013	Closes: Wed 08/1
Mid-kentucky Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Lexington, KY	Mon 09/02/2013	Closes: Wed 08/14



# 2013 ALL BREED EYE, HEART AND MICROCHIP CLINIC

## AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing

(AKC CGC is an official AKC Title)

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DATE: Sunday, September 8, 2013 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 call about litter rates. 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  
Pre-dilation exams  
\$37.00 per dog

### HEART EXAMS

\$25 per dog

### MICROCHIPS

\$25 per dog

### CGC Testing

\$10 per test

Contact Information: Judy Segedi  
2787 Marks Road  
Valley City, OH 44280  
330-764-9717  
[LELRC@zoominternet.net](mailto:LELRC@zoominternet.net)

If you need additional eye/heart forms, please go to [www.LELRC.net](http://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	PLEASE CIRCLE ONE	PLEASE CIRCLE ONE	
HEART EXAM – YES / NO	EYE EXAM – YES / NO	MICROCHIP – YES / NO	
PLEASE CIRCLE ONE			
WOULD YOU PREFER - MORNING APPT. / AFTERNOON APPT. ?			

Join your friends this coming October at the  
**LRC, Inc. National Specialty Event Week**

**October 6 – 13, 2013**



In *"The Shadow of the Cascades"*  
... the beautiful Pacific Northwest!

**TD/TDX Tracking**  
**October 6**  
Location to be determined

**Two Agility, Obedience & Rally Trials, CC Evaluations**  
**LRC, Inc. Judges' Education Workshop**  
**"Go Green" Specialty and the National Specialty**  
**Pat Hastings' Educational Seminar—*"A Glimpse of Structure in Action"***  
**October 7–11**  
**Lacey, Washington**

All Companion Dog and Conformation Events will be held outdoors.  
Superintendent: **BaRay Events** ([barayevents.com](http://barayevents.com))

**AKC Retriever Hunting Tests (Master, Senior, Junior), WC, CC Evaluations**  
**October 12–13**  
**Pepper's Farm, Carnation, Washington**  
**Entry Express** ([www.entryexpress.com](http://www.entryexpress.com))

Check the LRC website ([thelabradorclub.com](http://thelabradorclub.com)) for further information.



**Contact: Jill Mahoney**  
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# 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.

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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.

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