



# UNLEASHED

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## Next Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, September 3, 2014

**Time:** 6:00

**Location:** TBA

## 2014 Meeting Dates

### \*Tentative

September 3

\*October 1

\*November 5

\*December Christmas Party

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## The End of Complacency?

~Jennifer Stotts

In this modern era, many have become somewhat immune to violence and crime, and maybe some of us are cognizant but blissfully oblivious that it could happen to us. I have always said that those of us at dog shows are among the most trusting folks in existence. We go to dog shows in public venues including fairgrounds, convention centers, etc. and by necessity, leave our vehicles unattended whilst showing our dogs. In doing so, we often leave our vehicles with doors and windows open to ensure the safety and comfort of any dogs remaining. In those dog vehicles, we have thousands of dollars of crates, xpens, grooming and show equipment, and often luggage. Those of us who carry purses, often leave them in the vehicle as well...it's not like we can trot around the ring with a purse slung over our shoulders. And let's be honest...an open vehicle can be easily stolen without keys by someone who knows what he is doing. So, we are trusting that because we are at a dog show, our dog vehicle, our equipment and our possessions will be safe...and generally that has been true.

To carry this concept a step further, in the 25 years I have shown dogs, trips have frequently necessitated hotel stays. There, we don't typically leave purses and valuables in the van, but we do frequently leave something that doesn't have a price...our dogs. At countless shows, we leave our windows and doors open, aim fans toward the dogs, encase the vehicle in tarps to provide shade and protection from rain, and head in for the night. Sometimes it's because the hotel won't allow dogs; other times it's because we have too many dogs with us to make having them in the room feasible. And for the most part, we have done this without

incident.

I am reasonably certain that in this age of violence and crime and now animal rights activists, the freedom to leave our dogs comfortably in our vehicles at hotels at least, will no longer be common practice and I think we will all need to be much more careful at shows as well. Several incidents over the last few years have given me pause for consideration, but those always “happened to someone else.” There was the van that was stolen from the front of the hotel at the dog show in Ohio and subsequently set on fire with the dogs in the van. There have been incidents of dogs stolen from vehicles in other states. And there are, of course, ever increasing incidences all over the country of dogs being poisoned with tainted treats or targeted with other heinous, inexplicable acts.

This weekend, however, an incident, although minor and likely insignificant in the long term, hit much closer to home. Lynn Pannicke and I attended the shows in Troy, OH. Due to a series of unforeseen circumstances (when WILL I learn to pay attention to the signs that I should just stay home sometimes) forced us to stay at a hotel, which we typically don't do at these shows. We made reservations at a hotel that permitted only dogs under 25 pounds and for an extra fee. The only hotels allowing larger dogs also tend to allow other things as well...you all know the kinds of things to which I refer. I'll admit it; I am a hotel snob and very picky about where I stay. I don't want to have to prop a chair under the door handle at night or bring home unwelcome guests in my luggage.

So, as we have done so many times in the past, we headed to the show on a beautiful June day, planning for our dogs to spend the night in our vehicles under optimum circumstances...no rain and temperatures in the 50's overnight. We had shade screens and fans and abundant water. After registering at the hotel, we decided on an early dinner and leaving Lynn's dogs in her vehicle, shaded, back end open, with water and a breeze, we took my vehicle with my one dog. We ate on the patio not 20 yards from my vehicle. When we returned, Lynn found a note on her SUV, stating that she had been reported to PETA and that she was trying to kill her dogs. The uneducated, uninformed lunatic that left the note also went to the front desk and filed a complaint that there were two dogs in distress in a vehicle with the windows all rolled up. To cover all her bases, the registration clerk called the police department and reported what had happened and assured them that she had checked the dogs and they were in no distress at all.

Now I realize that in all likelihood, nothing would have happened that night. But, in this day and age, I don't think one can afford to take the chance. Lynn and I talked to the front desk and contemplated what to do. We didn't feel that it was safe for our dogs (let's remember that these animal rights activists have let people's dogs out of crates to “free” them from their captivity and torture) or our vehicles, although Lynn's was the more likely target since mine was not there at the time the note was left. We considered

returning to the show site and sleeping in our vehicles, but had no blankets or other supplies to do so.

The management at the hotel came to our rescue. They not only allowed us to have our Labradors in our room, but waived what would have been a total of \$75 to do so. Additionally, they insisted that we park both our vehicles in the registration drive thru in full view of the front desk. This was not the hotel's problem; they did not have to do anything. But all three people that Lynn and I encountered as well as the manager, were apologetic and accommodated us in any way possible.

So, since we had not come prepared to take dogs in the room, we hauled three crates that don't fold down and three dogs up to the third floor on the luggage cart. It bears mentioning at this point that two of the three were puppies, and one of those two had never been to a dog show. So, it was an educational experience for them, learning hotel manners and how to do elevators among other things.

Again, I doubt that anything would have happened that night. But, this animal rights activist claimed to have taken pictures of Lynn's dogs and vehicle so we were unwilling to take any chances...after all, who knows how many other PETA enthusiasts could have been in the area? But the take home message from all this is, perhaps we dog show folks are too complacent and trusting. Now, in addition to worrying about thieves and vandals, as well as the comfort of our dogs, we have to worry about animal activists, who have anything but animal welfare in mind. I don't know what the solution is, but I do know that this was a wake-up call and something we had all better keep in mind when traveling with our dogs.



**Just a reminder, the next newsletter  
will be September.**

## **Down 'n Back**

### **Shannon's Salt Water Taffy**

Greater Pittsburgh LC

5/29/2014

1st 6-9month bitch

2nd 6 - 9 month bitch sweeps

Best Puppy

Owner: Jennifer Stotts

### **Bella Constellation**

Anything Goes For Dogs Trial

2/21/14

C-Wags Zoom Rally Title

Owner: Andrea Fitch

### **Bella Constellation**

Anything Goes For Dogs Trial

5/16/14

C-Wags Scent Patrol Title

Owner: Andrea Fitch

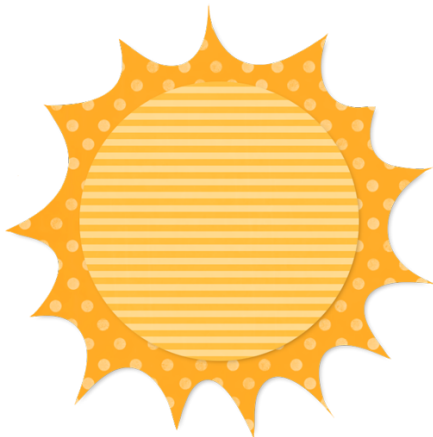
### **Bella Constellation**

Anything Goes For Dogs Trial

5/31/14

Instinct Barn Hunt Title

Owner: Andrea Fitch



## **Litter Listings**

**CH Stormy C's Superbad X  
Captain Nick's Compass Rose  
BN,RN,CD**

**Chocolates due August 1  
Contact Christine Nickerson  
www.CaptainNicksLabs.com**

**440-238-9378**

**Christine@captainnickslabs.com**

### **15 month old Yellow Female Available**

Contact: Linda Bednarski

Linda@tullamorelabs.com

www.tullamorelabs.com

740-936-5171 (evenings)

### **14 month old black female and 14 month old yellow female.**

Both are house trained, crate trained and microchipped. Up to date on rabies vaccination s and heartworm.

Available on limited registration. Both need to be spayed.

Looking for loving homes.

Contact info: Susan Moseley

614-203-5700 or smoseley2@gmail.com

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June 24, 2014

Dear Sue Frazier,

**Listening to the concerns of our constituency and based on feedback and requests from clubs, the AKC Board recently approved the following changes that will streamline the application process for clubs:**

- AKC will now accept the signature of the event chairperson in lieu of an officer signature on event applications (including matches).
- This recognizes that clubs have delegated authority to this individual to apply for their event and judges panel.
- The AKC will continue to send pending/approval notices to the club secretary when applications are processed.

The AKC has extended the Common Site Application & Host Club Permission letters to be effective for one, multiple or indefinite year(s). Look for the new forms to support this change in a few weeks.

**The Board made changes to the Match Regulations Chapter 2, Section 1:**

- Made FSS breeds eligible for breed and group competition.
- Removed the requirement that the FSS breeds be listed on the Match Application and in the advertising for the Match.

Allows the breed standards to be available at the Match in either digital or paper format.

**The Board modified the Clusters & Back-to-Back policy:**

- The limit on the number of days of consecutive competition now excludes National Specialties and associated events.

Clarified that this policy only applies to conformation shows.

**Effective January 1, 2015 English Springer Spaniels may be judged on the ramp, at the discretion of the judge.**

**In regards to the National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS), the following are not considered special attractions and do not require a club to hold NOHS:**

- 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy
- Sweepstakes
- Demonstrations, parades, tests, clinics, and seminars
- **In addition, Specialty clubs are not required to hold NOHS** even if they have other special attractions. Group and All-Breed clubs are required to offer the NOHS if they offer other special attractions that have group competition.

For further details please consult the June [Board Meeting Minutes](#).

Sincerely,  
Alan Slay  
Director, Event Programs

# 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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