



# UNLEASHED

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**Event Date:** June 5  
Puppy Match

**Time:** 6:30 P.M.

**Location:** Home of Jan Eichensehr

**2019 Event Dates**  
June 5 (Puppy Match)  
September 4  
October 2  
November 6

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ON FACEBOOK

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/575516432535825/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/575516432535825/)

## Health Clinic Follow Up

First and foremost, profuse thanks to my team of volunteers. Brian Tipton is the premiere eye dropper.....and worked from start to finish. Linda Bednarski manages the money which is a task that I hate doing and it caused me a great deal of stress when I had to do that in addition to running around all day. Angela Ewald and Si Carey worked all day and managed the chip checking room which saved time during exams. Terese Houle started the day out directing the traffic between the chip checking room and exam rooms and kept folks moving. Lori Bentine filled in on that job when Therese had to leave and Lori directed traffic in the lobby in the morning. Cindy Gerhan helped with eye drops and Sue Frazier greeted folks and helped as needed for a stint in the later morning/early afternoon. Jan Eichensehr came at the end of the day and restored the clinic to its original condition.....increasing the chances that we will be allowed to use it again. And I actually had additional club members volunteer to help but we were covered well. Even though they won't see this, I appreciate Dr. Mann generously donating his clinic for the day and Bill Cox working the longest day of any of us...he is there when I get there at 7:15 and still there when I leave.

I think Dr. Metzler did 109 eye exams and Dr. Schober did 80 heart exams. We also had a number of customers take advantage of the discount prices with DDC. We were finished at a civilized time this year and I was home by 6. I haven't gotten the final financial report from Linda, but we should have made some money to help support our specialty. The majority of our clientele were folks that have been with us for years, some as long as I have been in charge of the clinic. They know the routine and they are patient and pleasant. The doctors are both personable as well as being quite skilled at their jobs and I think that keeps folks coming

back. Having Bill Cox assisting Dr. Metzler makes that room go more smoothly and we get more dogs in and out.

Thank you everyone!!

Jennifer



### **COLRC Club Updates**

The COLRC Puppy Match will Be held at Jan Eichensehr's Home on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30Matt Nichols will be judging the puppy match. There will be a short meeting afterward. Pizza will be provided by the club. Please BYOB and a lawn chair.

The Club will be off for the summer and reconvene in September.

### **Animal Welfare; Amendments to Licensing Provisions and to Requirements for Dogs**

**This Proposed Rule document was issued by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)**

The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) has extended the time in which the public may make comments about proposed changes to Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations. Comments will be accepted through Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/03/22/2019-05422/animal-welfare-amendments-to-licensing-provisions-and-to-requirements-for-dogs>.

#### **FROM THE AKC**

Current USDA regulations require that pet breeders who maintain more than 4 "breeding females" (dogs, cats or other small mammals) and sells one sight unseen may be subject to licensing to USDA licensing. For more information on licensing requirements, view [AKC's Does the New USDA Rule Affect Me?](#) or visit [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/awa/ct\\_awa\\_program\\_information](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/awa/ct_awa_program_information).

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USDA APHIS is seeking public comments on a proposal to:

- Amend its licensing requirements to eliminate automatic renewals. With this change, licensees would have to demonstrate compliance, via a facility inspection, with the AWA and show that the animals in their possession are adequately cared for in order to obtain a license.
- Provide temporary licensing procedures to avoid inadvertent lapses of licensure by historically compliant licensees if a delay or backlog in USDA inspections occurs.
- Strengthen existing regulations to prevent individuals and businesses whose licenses were suspended or revoked from working for regulated entities.
- Reduce regulatory burdens on fully compliant licensees. To accomplish this, APHIS is taking steps to streamline the licensing process by reducing licensing fees—a set \$120 fee for a three-year license—and simplifying the payment and collection process.
- Require any dealer, exhibitor or research facility with dogs to maintain a written program for veterinary care and medical records and to make those records available to USDA upon request. [Please note that the term “exhibitor” refers to carnivals, circuses, animal acts, zoos, and educational exhibits. It specifically does not include purebred dog shows.] The written veterinary care program would have to include regular visits by the attending veterinarian to conduct a complete physical examination of each dog not less than once a year, vaccinations for contagious and deadly diseases of dogs, and preventative care and treatment for hair coats, nails, eyes, ears, skin, and teeth.

The American Kennel Club supports the above changes.

The proposal also mandates that dogs in regulated facilities have continual access to potable water unless restricted by an attending veterinarian. However, as stated by USDA, a lack of continual access to water is generally not a risk to healthy dogs. (Proposal, 84 FR 10728, <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2019-05422/page-10728>)

Because regulated facilities vary by type, size, and the number of animals they maintain, standards that would allow licensees some flexibility in operations while still providing appropriate care may be a better, more easily achieved alternative.

The AKC is also concerned that the proposed changes fail to provide a clear definition of the term “breeding female” as used in AWA regulations. Currently, the USDA appears to define “breeding female” as “capacity to breed” and bases this assessment on a case-by-case visual inspection on the ground of the animals involved, determining whether they are “of breeding age” and whether there are health or other factors that would limit that. The AKC believes that this is not a practical, efficient, or clear way to establish a threshold for licensing and regulation, as it does not allow either APHIS or a breeder to assess whether a breeder would be subject to licensing, regulation, and inspection without first being inspected by APHIS, which could only be undertaken after the license application process has been undertaken.

*Unless a breeder is certain which animals will “qualify” as non-breeding animals, a breeder has no way of knowing what their regulatory requirements would be under this rule. Visual or arbitrary definitions of “breeding females” are also problematic as many breeders “grow out” promising females to at least 24 months of age before determining whether they will have a show career or be worthy of breeding. Maintaining an intact female that physically could be bred does not indicate the intention to breed.*

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments to USDA APHIS by going to <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/03/22/2019-05422/animal-welfare-amendments-to-licensing-provisions-and-to-requirements-for-dogs>.

AKC Government Relations (AKC GR) will provide updates on the regulatory process as the proposal proceeds. For more information on this or other federal legislative or regulatory issues, contact AKC’s Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720 or [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org).

# Does your Labrador Retriever suffer from signs of low back pain?

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Degenerative lumbosacral stenosis (DLSS) is a common painful condition in middle-age to older large breed dogs. It is frequently associated with signs of lower back pain including difficulty rising, reluctance to go up/down stairs or reluctance to jump. It can progress to the point of developing neurologic signs including a weak pelvic limb gait, decreased reflexes and urinary or fecal incontinence. These signs often worsen over time and can greatly affect the quality of life of otherwise healthy dogs. Currently treatment options and prognosis are variable. This is because there remains debate over the best method of diagnosing DLSS. A well designed, controlled study evaluating dynamic and functional differences in dogs that are affected compared to asymptomatic is lacking.

Our study will fill this void by performing dynamic diagnostic imaging, including an MRI, and electrodiagnostics in dogs with clear symptoms related to DLSS and comparing these results to unaffected dogs.

### How Can You Help?

The Ohio State University has received funding to investigate diagnostic protocols for dogs with and without DLSS. Enrollment has begun and we are looking for Labrador Retrievers that meet the following inclusion criteria:

- Clinical signs and neurologic examination are consistent with DLSS
- Overall health permits anesthesia
- No concurrent orthopedic disease



### Benefits

As long as your pet meets the inclusion criteria the costs of general anesthesia, MRI, and electrodiagnostics will be covered.

### Contact Information:

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## **Down 'n Back**

### **Captain Nick's Rogue Wave**

CABTC Agility Trial

5/12/19

1st place Novice JWW

Owner: Christine Nickerson

### **Captain Nick's Shiver Me Timbers**

CABTC Agility Trial

5/12/19

1st place Open Standard

Owner: Christine Nickerson

### **Captain Nick's The Ship's Belle**

Carnation City Kennel Club

5/4/19

WB & BOW

Owner: Christine Nickerson

### **Captain Nick's The Ship's Belle**

Carnation City Kennel Club

5/5/19

WB

Owner: Christine Nickerson

### **Borador's Black Type for Fallbrook**

Carnation City Kennel Club

5/5/19

WB

Owner: Christine Nickerson

## **Litter Listing**

### **CH Bruno Banani Bella Mare X Hunt Club Valleywood Easy Goer**

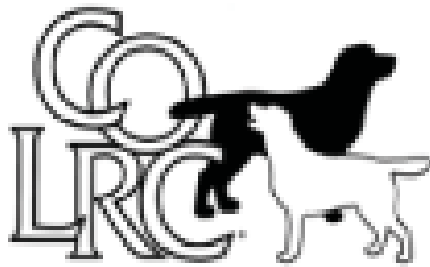
Black & yellow puppies born May  
18

Contact: Chris Kofron  
614-906-1921

### **Am/Pol CH Madison Avenue Bella Mare x CH Greenstone's Clairvoyant At Tremont**

Black & yellow puppies due June 8,  
2019

Contact: Lori or John Bentine  
614/579-3990 or labwriter@aol.com



# Central Ohio Labrador Retriever Club

## Back-to-Back Specialty Shows

October 26 & 27, 2019\*

Delaware County Fairgrounds  
Delaware, Ohio

Saturday, October 26

JUDGES: Sharon Celentano, Shar-Jam  
Jared Frasher, Lakeside (Sweepstakes)

Sunday, October 27

JUDGES: Marion Daniel, Mar-Moye  
Sara Greenburg, Fairlane (Sweepstakes)

Closing Date: October 09, 2019

The Labrador show will be in its own building with plenty of room for seating and crates. There will be lots of parking for cars and RV hook-ups are available. Join us for some great silent auction items and hospitality!

\*Pending AKC Approval\*

Superintendent MB-F, Inc.

[www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

PH: 336-379-9352

Show Chair – Cora Fleming

PH: 937-564-1385

# 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 \$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.

## OFFICERS

President.....	Sally Bell	(Term expires Dec 2019)
Vice President.....	Lori Bentine	(Term expires Dec 2019)
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Eye Clinic.....	Jennifer Stotts

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