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Meeting Date: March 6, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Senor Antonio's
8617 Columbus Pike (U.S. 23)
Lewis Center, OH. 43035

Tentative 2019 Meeting Dates

March 6
April 3
May 1
June 5
July 10
September 4
October 2
November 6

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ON FACEBOOK

Annual Health Clinic

The club will host our annual health clinic on Sunday, May 5, once again at the veterinary practice of Dr. Don Mann, DVM, at the intersection of Cheshire and Africa Roads in Galena. Dr. Karsten Schober will be doing heart auscultations again, and Dr. Anne Metzler will be doing eye exams. We may be offering genetic testing as well, details forthcoming.

The flier will be published in the April newsletter and I will soon begin taking appointments. I strongly suggest that club members who wish to have specific appointment times schedule those early. If you are working at the clinic and want to do your dogs prior to the start of exams or at the conclusion of the exams, just let me know how many dogs you will be bringing and for what exams. Otherwise, schedule an appointment....as you all know, the later in the day we get, the more we tend to run behind.

I will need a few folks to help; email me if you are available.

~Jennifer



Legislative Information

The Ohio Legislature has completed committee assignments and begun accepting new bills for this session. Several bills affecting dogs and dog owners were subsequently introduced in the past several days. Links are below. Some of the bills are long because they include large sections of current law with new language underlined and deletions marked with a strike-through line. I included sponsors so you can contact them directly with comments, esp. if they represent your district.

HB 24 (<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-24>) is a repeat from the last session to revise humane society law so that humane agents operate under the same due process requirements as other law enforcement officers and to tighten parameters for humane society activities. It provides for court orders to seize animals and bans non-prosecution agreements unless approved by a judge. (There have been reports that humane agents and humane society independent lawyers have pressured animal owners into surrendering animals in lieu of prosecution.) Sponsor is Rep Stephen Hambley of Medina County.

HB 30 (<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-30>) bans the use of dead animals in pet food. Sponsor is Rep. Laura Lanese of the Columbus area.

HB 33 (<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-33>) spells out rules for reporting animal abuse in connection with domestic violence cases and assigns any civil penalties assessed to a specific fund in state government. Sponsors are Rep. Laura Lanese and Rep. Sara Carrothers from Butler County.

HB 37 (<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-37>), another repeat from last session, tightens dangerous dog law; requires training for dog wardens; allows cities, counties and townships to enact dog control ordinances in some circumstances; gives dog wardens the authority to make arrests; provides an affirmative defense for a dog that was defending itself or its pups from teasing or abuse or protecting its, or its owner's property from criminal behavior; and provides for due process for owners of seized dogs. Sponsors are Rep. Niraj J. Antani from Montgomery County and Rep Glenn W. Holmes from NE Ohio.

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This is a follow-up to an earlier alert. If you have pups, have a friend in Ohio with pups, or are planning a litter, be aware that you could be required to purchase a \$500 pet store license and microchip puppies before you sell them.

According to several breeders who attended a Q&A session with the Ohio Department of Agriculture last night, ODA now requires anyone who sells a puppy in Ohio to have a pet store license regardless of where the pups were born or raised.

The issue is the ODA interpretation of the definition of "pet store" in the updated Chapter 956 of the Ohio Revised Code. That definition is "... an individual retail store to which both of the following apply: the store sells dogs to the public; and with regard to the sale of a dog from the store, the sales person, the buyer of a dog, and the dog for sale are physically present during the sales transaction so that the buyer may personally observe the dog and help ensure its health prior to taking custody. "Pet store" does not include an animal rescue for dogs, an animal shelter for dogs, a humane society, a medical kennel for dogs, or a research kennel for dogs."

As reported previously, AKC is looking into this matter. In addition, OVDO is preparing a letter to the sponsors of both bills that became updates to Chapter 956 of the Ohio Revised Code to discuss the issue. More when it becomes available.

Norma Bennett Woolf, Ohio Valley Dog Owners Inc.

FDA Provides Update on Investigation into Potential Connection Between Certain Diets and Cases of Canine Heart Disease

February 19, 2019

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today is providing an update on its investigation into reports of dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) in dogs eating certain pet foods. The update covers reports of DCM received by FDA through November 30, 2018.

This update does not include reports received in December and January due to the lapse in appropriations from December 22, 2018, to January 25, 2019. Because the Anti-Deficiency Act does not except activities that are solely related to protecting “animal health,” FDA was not able to continue its investigation during that time.

The FDA first **alerted** ([//AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/CVMUpdates/ucm613305.htm](https://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/CVMUpdates/ucm613305.htm)) the public about this investigation in July 2018. Since then, the FDA’s Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) has taken a multi-pronged approach to the investigation, collaborating with a variety of components of the animal health sector to collect and evaluate information about the DCM cases and the diets pets ate prior to becoming ill.

Based on the information gathered as part of our investigation to date, our advice to pet owners remains consistent. The agency has not identified specific recommendations about diet changes for dogs who are not displaying DCM symptoms, but encourages pet owners to consult directly with their veterinarians for their animal’s dietary advice. FDA-CVM investigative activities include:

- Analyzing cases statistically to search for correlations between diagnosed DCM cases and what those dogs did or did not eat.
- Working with the Veterinary Laboratory Investigation and Response Network (Vet-LIRN), a collaboration of government and veterinary diagnostic laboratories to test blood, serum and tissues from affected animals.
- Collaborating with Chesapeake Veterinary Cardiology Associates (CVCA) to collect case summaries and blood/serum/tissue of dogs diagnosed with DCM to see if there are unique factors that separate diet-associated DCM from genetic. The FDA is also reviewing echocardiograms of dogs who are not showing symptoms of DCM to evaluate the significance of early changes in heart function.
- Consulting with board certified veterinarians in animal nutrition to identify nutritional factors such as nutrient bioavailability and ingredient digestibility that may contribute to the development of heart disease.
- Examining ingredient sourcing/processing and product formulation with pet food manufacturers.

Between January 1, 2014, and November 30, 2018, the FDA received 300 reports of DCM (294 canine reports, 6 feline reports); 276 of these (273 canine, 3 feline) were reported after the July public notification about FDA’s investigation. Some of these reports involved more than one affected animal from the same household. While there are dog breeds (typically large and giant breeds, plus Cocker Spaniels) that are known to have a genetic predisposition to dilated cardiomyopathy, the reports to the FDA continue to span a wide range of breeds, many that do not have a known genetic predisposition. The FDA has received reports of cats with DCM, but due to the

low number of reports (10 since January 2014), dogs are the primary focus of the agency's investigation. For details about the number of reports, visit the **DCM Investigation webpage** ([/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/ucm630993.htm](http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/ucm630993.htm)).

In cases in which dogs ate a single primary diet (i.e., didn't eat multiple food products, excluding treats), 90 percent reported feeding a grain-free food. Approximately 10 percent reported feeding a food containing grains and some of these diets were vegan or vegetarian. A large proportion of the reported diets in DCM cases – both grain-free and grain-containing – contained peas and/or lentils in various forms (whole, flour, protein, etc.) as a main ingredient (listed within the first 10 ingredients, before vitamins and minerals). The products included commercially available kibble, canned and raw foods, as well as home-cooked diets.

The agency appreciates the support from pet owners and veterinarians who have submitted data through case reports that included extensive diet histories, medical records, diagnostic samples of blood, serum, and/or tissue, and echocardiograms. Due to the high volume of reports, the agency cannot respond to each report individually, but each report is valuable and becomes part of the FDA's investigation.

The FDA continues to encourage pet owners and veterinary professionals to report both symptomatic and asymptomatic cases of dogs suspected to have DCM connected to diet by using the electronic Safety Reporting Portal (<http://www.safetyreporting.hhs.gov>) or calling their state's FDA Consumer Complaint Coordinators ([/Safety/ReportaProblem/ConsumerComplaintCoordinators/default.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/ReportaProblem/ConsumerComplaintCoordinators/default.htm)). Please see the link below about "How to Report a Pet Food Complaint ([/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/ReportaProblem/ucm182403.htm](http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/ReportaProblem/ucm182403.htm))" for additional instructions. The FDA will continue to provide updates on the progress of this investigation and will alert the public about significant developments.

Additional Information

- [FDA Investigation into Potential Link between Certain Diets and Canine Dilated Cardiomyopathy](http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/ucm630993.htm) ([/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/ucm630993.htm](http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/ucm630993.htm))
- [Questions & Answers: FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine's Investigation into a Possible Connection Between Diet and Canine Heart Disease](http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/ResourcesForYou/AnimalHealthLiteracy/ucm616279.htm) ([/AnimalVeterinary/ResourcesForYou/AnimalHealthLiteracy/ucm616279.htm](http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/ResourcesForYou/AnimalHealthLiteracy/ucm616279.htm))
- [Vet-LIRN Investigative Update \(February 2019\)](http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/ScienceResearch/ucm630738.htm) ([/AnimalVeterinary/ScienceResearch/ucm630738.htm](http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/ScienceResearch/ucm630738.htm))
- [How to Report a Pet Food Complaint](http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/ReportaProblem/ucm182403.htm) ([/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/ReportaProblem/ucm182403.htm](http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/ReportaProblem/ucm182403.htm))
- [Veterinary Laboratory Investigation and Response Network \(Vet-LIRN\)](http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/ScienceResearch/ucm247334.htm) ([/AnimalVeterinary/ScienceResearch/ucm247334.htm](http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/ScienceResearch/ucm247334.htm))

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Down 'n Back

CH Hunt Club Storm Chaser
Piedmont LRC Specialty Oakland

KC, 2/10/19

Select Bitch

Owners: Linda Bednarski

Litter Listings

UK CH Captain Nick's Beam
Reach RN CGC TKN

X Borador's Black Type For
Fallbrook CGC

Blacks & Chocolates
born January 18

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Live web Cam: [https://](https://video.nest.com/live/DakOU2oM7x)
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2019 Membership Dues **ARE NOW DUE!!!**

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

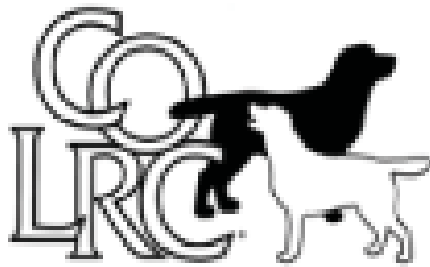
Dues are \$25 annually for a single
membership and \$40 for a joint
membership.

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

Please mail your check to Linda
Bednarski or bring it to the
February meeting.

Any questions, please contact
Linda at Linda@tullamorelabs.com

Membership listing will no
longer appear if dues are
not paid by March 21 !



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 PH: 336-379-9352

Show Chair – Cora Fleming PH: 937-564-1385

From the AKC

Obedience Changes

Three changes to the Obedience Regulations were approved by the AKC Board of Directors at the February 8, 2019 meeting. The following amendments (underlined) to the Obedience Regulations were approved, which are effective for all trials held on or after August 1, 2019. An insert for the Obedience Regulations amended to May 1, 2018 will be published.

They are in summary:

1. Modify the Open B Point Schedule
2. Earning OTCH points outside of the Point Schedule in Open B & Utility B
3. OTCH title recognition

OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 8 - OBEDIENCE TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Section 2. Championship Points. Obedience Trial Championship points will be recorded for those dogs that have earned a first, second, third or fourth place ribbon competing in the Open B or Utility B class, according to the schedule of points established by the AKC Board of Directors. When counting the number of eligible dogs in competition, a dog that is disqualified or excused from the ring by the judge will not be included.

One (1) Championship point will be recorded for those dogs that earn a qualifying score of 197 or better in the Open B or Utility B class, if they did not earn points based on the Point Schedule.

Requirements for the Obedience Trial Champion are as follows:

The dog must have won

1. 100 points
2. A first place in Utility B with at least three dogs in competition
3. A first place in Open B with at least five dogs in competition
4. An additional first place under the conditions of 2 or 3 above
5. All three first places under three different judges

Only one of the required first places may have been won at a specialty Show or a Junior Obedience Showcase.

Section 3. Obedience Trial Champion Title. The AKC will issue an Obedience Trial Champion certificate and will permit the use of the letters OTCH preceding the name of each dog that meets the requirements.

The letters OTCH will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the number of times a dog has met the requirements of the OTCH title as defined in these regulations (OTCH2, OTCH3, OTCH4, etc.).

**Section 5. Point Schedule.
Open B**

Number of Dogs Competing	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
<u>5-9</u>	2	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	0
<u>10-14</u>	4	1	<u>1</u>	0
<u>15-19</u>	6	2	<u>1</u>	0
<u>20-24</u>	10	3	1	<u>1</u>
<u>25-29</u>	14	4	2	<u>1</u>
<u>30-34</u>	18	5	2	1
<u>35-39</u>	22	7	3	1
<u>40-44</u>	26	9	4	2
<u>45-49</u>	30	11	5	2
<u>50-64</u>	34	13	6	3

Please share this information with your club members.

Sincerely,
Pamela Manton
Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking



Ready for Mardi
Gras!

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. Unleashed is published ten to twelve times per year. Closing for each issue is the 20th 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.

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Eye Clinic.....	Jennifer Stotts

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