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Event Date: October 2

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Location: Home of John & Lori Bentine

It's "Lasagna Dinner" nite where you're asked to bring all your raffle items and learn "what's left to do" regarding our Specialty.

Other agenda discussion will include club elections and the Christmas party.

2019 Event Dates

October 2
November 6
Christmas Party—TBA

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ON FACEBOOK

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Our specialty show is fast approaching.

It's the generous help from our members that makes this show a success year after year. Please join us at the next meeting as we finalize where we could use your help this year. Looking forward to another great show!

Specialty Dates:

Saturday, October 26

Regular Classes: Sharon Celentano, Shar-Jam
Sweeps: Jared Frasher, Lakeside

Sunday, October 27

Regular Classes:: Marion Daniel, Mar-Moye
Sweeps: Sara Greenburg, Fairlane

Closing Date: October 09, 2019

See you soon!

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Do the Dew(claws)?

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I work exclusively with canine athletes, developing rehabilitation programs for injured dogs or dogs that required surgery as a result of performance-related injuries. I have seen many dogs now, especially field trial/hunt test and agility dogs, that have had chronic carpal arthritis, frequently so severe that they have to be retired or at least carefully managed for the rest of their careers. Of the over 30 dogs I have seen with carpal arthritis, only one has had dewclaws.

If you look at an anatomy book (Miller's Guide to the Anatomy of Dogs is an excellent one – see Figure 1 below) you will see that there are 2 major, functioning tendons attached to the dewclaw. Of course, at the other end of a tendon is a muscle, and that means that if you cut off the dew claws, there are 2 major muscle bundles that will become atrophied from disuse.

Those muscles indicate that the dewclaws have a function. That function is to prevent torque on the leg. Each time the foot lands on the ground, particularly when the dog is cantering or galloping (see Figure 2), the dewclaw is in touch with the ground. If the dog then needs to turn, the dewclaw digs into the ground to support the lower leg and prevent torque. If the dog doesn't have a dewclaw, the leg twists. A lifetime of that and the result can be carpal arthritis, or perhaps injuries to other joints, such as the elbow, shoulder and toes. Remember: the dog is doing the activity regardless, and the pressures on the leg have to go somewhere.

Perhaps you are thinking, "None of my dogs have ever had carpal pain or arthritis." Well, we need to remember that dogs, by their very nature, do not tell us about mild to moderate pain. If a dog was to be asked by an emergency room nurse to give the level of his pain on a scale from 0 to 10, with 10 being the worst, their scale would be 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Most of our dogs, especially if they deal with pain that is of gradual onset, just deal with it and don't complain unless it is excruciating. But when I palpate the carpal joints of older dogs without dewclaws, I frequently can elicit pain with relatively minimal manipulation.

As to the possibility of injuries to dew claws. Most veterinarians will say that such injuries actually are not very common at all. And if they do occur, then they are dealt with like any other injury. In my opinion, it is far better to deal with an injury than to cut the dew claws off of all dogs "just in case."

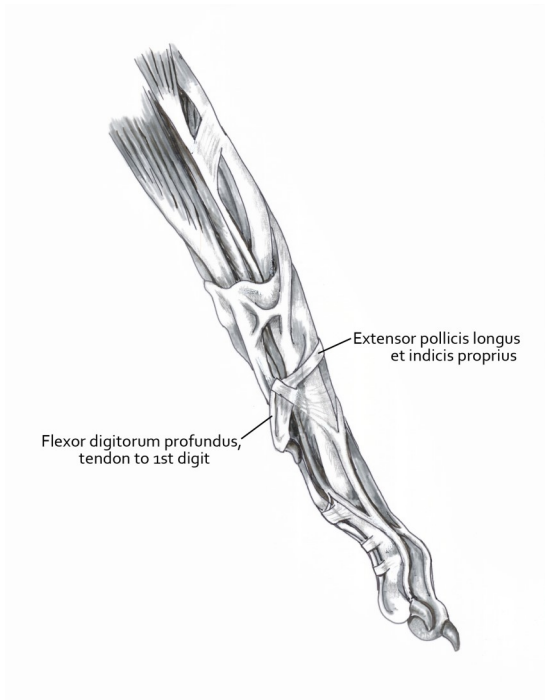


Figure 1. Anatomical diagram viewing the medial side of a dog's left front leg demonstrating the five tendons that attach to the dewclaw.

--from *Miller's Guide to the Dissection of the Dog*



Figure 2. In this galloping dog, the dewclaw is in touch with the ground.

If the dog then needs to turn to the right, the dewclaw digs into the

ground to support the lower leg and prevent torque.

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More COLRC Information

Election of Officers

A slate of COLRC officers for 2020 will be prepared for review and discussion.

Voting will take place at the November meeting.

2019 COLRC Christmas Party

Date and location to be determined.

Down 'n Back

Captain Nick's Rogue Wave

Lorain County Kennel Club

9/14/19

2 Fast Cat qualifiers

BCAT Title

Owner: Christine Nickerson

Captain Nick's Shiver Me Timbers

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Owner: Christine Nickerson

Captain Nick's Winch Grinder

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BCAT Title

Owner: Christine Nickerson

Shannon's Fee Fi Fofana

Licking River KC

9/14/19

WB BOS

Owner: Jennifer Stotts

Shannon's Baby Banana

Licking River KC

9/15/19

WB BOS

Owner: Jennifer Stotts

Down 'n Back

ClearCreek Second to None

Licking River KC

9/14/19 and 9/15/19

WD, BOW, BOB

Owner: Jennifer Stotts

Listing

CH Bruno Banani Bella Mar x GCH Shannon's Salt Water Taffy

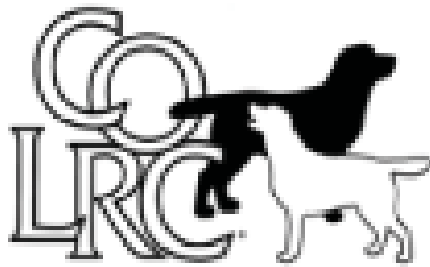
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Central Ohio Labrador Retriever Club

Back-to-Back Specialty Shows

October 26 & 27, 2019*

Delaware County Fairgrounds
Delaware, Ohio

Saturday, October 26

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Jared Frasher, Lakeside (Sweepstakes)

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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.

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

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Meetings General meetings shall take place the first Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted.

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