



# UNLEASHED

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## 2022 Meeting/Event Dates

**Meeting: Wednesday, September 7**

6:00p.m.

At the home at the home of Jan Eichensehr

Sloppy Joe's, baked beans provided!

Please bring a side dish to share.

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## Meeting/Event Dates

September 7	Wednesday
October 5	Wednesday
November 2	Wednesday
December	TBA

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ON FACEBOOK

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



## Cyanobacterial Blooms

Algae and cyanobacteria (also called blue-green algae) can sometimes cause harm to people, animals, and the environment.

### Algae and cyanobacteria can form blooms

Algae and cyanobacteria are simple organisms that live in the water. Algae and cyanobacteria can rapidly grow out of control, or "bloom," when water is warm, slow-moving, and full of nutrients.

Blooms can occur in fresh water, marine (salt) water, and brackish (a mixture of fresh and salt) water around the world. Blooms can look like foam, scum, mats, or paint on the surface of the water. A bloom can change the color of the water to green, blue, brown, red, or another color.

### Some blooms can be harmful

- Blooms can be harmful to people, animals, or the environment if they
- Produce toxins (poisons);
- Become too dense;
- Use up the oxygen in the water; or
- Release harmful gases.

People and animals (including pets, livestock, and wildlife) can get sick when they have contact with water or food that contains certain types of algae, cyanobacteria, or their toxins.

- People and animals can get sick if they:
- Swim, wade, or play in or near contaminated water;
- Eat contaminated fish or shellfish; or

- Use contaminated drinking water.

There are many types of algal and cyanobacterial toxins. The signs and symptoms they can cause in people and animals are not all the same. Blooms in fresh water can cause different symptoms than blooms in marine (salt) water.

Symptoms depend on:

- How a person or animal was exposed (came into contact with algae, cyanobacteria, or their toxins)
- How long they were exposed
- Which type of toxin was present
- How much toxin was present

Toxins from algae and cyanobacteria can make people and animals very sick or even cause death. Animals can die within hours to days of swallowing toxins.

It is important to note that not all algae and cyanobacteria produce toxins, and not all blooms are harmful. Certain types of algae and cyanobacteria are eaten or used in dietary supplements.

Learn more about illnesses and symptoms caused by harmful algae or cyanobacteria in fresh water, such as lakes, and salt water, such as oceans and bays.

## **Prevent illness**

You can take steps to avoid getting sick from algae, cyanobacteria, and the toxins they make. For example:

If you see a bloom, stay out of the water and keep your pets out of the water. Do not fish, swim, boat, or play water sports. You cannot tell if a bloom is harmful by looking at it, so it is best to use caution and stay away.

Do not go into or play in water that:

Smells bad

Looks discolored

Has foam, scum, algal mats, or paint-like streaks on the surface

Has dead fish or other animals washed up on its shore or beach

Check for and follow local shellfish and fish advisories before eating any shellfish or fish you collect.

If you are notified of a bloom in a nearby body of water or in your public drinking water supply, follow local or state guidance to reduce your chances of getting sick.

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Content source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/habs/general.html>

# Animal Safety Alert

**Cyanobacterial blooms can be deadly for pets and livestock.**

**When in doubt, keep animals out!**



Cyanobacteria (also called blue-green algae) are microscopic organisms that can be found naturally in all types of water. Sometimes cyanobacteria rapidly grow out of control, or bloom. Cyanobacterial blooms are most commonly found in fresh water, such as lakes, rivers, and streams.

**Cyanobacterial blooms can make toxins (poisons) that are deadly for animals.**

- Pets and livestock can get very sick and die within hours to days after swallowing cyanobacterial toxins.
- The toxins can be in the cyanobacteria or in the water.

## Signs of a cyanobacterial bloom



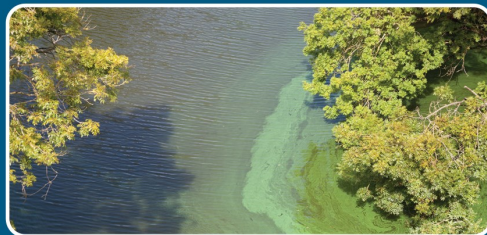
**Foam, scum, mats, or paint-like streaks** on the water's surface



**Different colors** like green, blue, red, or brown



As the bloom dies off, it may **smell like rotting plants**.



Cyanobacteria **bloom more often in summer and fall**, but can bloom anytime.

**You cannot tell if a cyanobacterial bloom is toxic or not just by looking at it.**



U.S. Department of  
Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention

## Protect your pets and livestock.

Keep pets and livestock away from water if you see signs of a cyanobacterial bloom, like scum or changes in the water's color.

If you think there is a cyanobacterial bloom, **do not** let your pets or livestock do any of the following:



Drink the water



Swim or play in the water



Eat near the water



Lick their fur after being in the water



Eat dead animals, such as fish,  
found near the bloom



Eat mats of cyanobacteria

## Take action if your pets or livestock go near or into water with a cyanobacterial bloom.

- If your pets or livestock have been in the water, immediately wash them off with clean water to keep them from licking cyanobacteria off their fur.
- Call a veterinarian if your animal shows any of these signs
  - » Loss of energy
  - » Loss of appetite
  - » Vomiting
  - » Stumbling and falling
  - » Foaming at the mouth
  - » Diarrhea
  - » Convulsions
  - » Excessive drooling
  - » Tremors and seizures
  - » Any unexplained sickness that occurs within a day or so after being in contact with water



Call **Poison Control** at **1-800-222-1222** if you have questions about cyanobacterial toxin poisoning.

Call the **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center** at **1-888-426-4435** or the **Pet Poison Helpline** at **1-855-764-7661** if you have questions about your pet or livestock. (Note: There is a fee for these calls.)

Report cyanobacterial blooms or illnesses to your health department online or by phone.



## **Litter Listings**

**1 year old yellow female "Bebe"**

**Contact: Jennifer Stotts shannonlabradors@yahoo.com or 740-819-1607shannonlabradors@yahoo.com 740-819-1607**



## **Down 'n Backs**

**GCH ClearCreek Second to None**

**BOB Beaver County KC/Northern Ohio LRC  
8/6/22**

**BOS Columbiana County KC  
8/5/22 Owner: Jennifer Stotts**

**Shannon's Back in Black  
WD, BOW Major McKinley  
KC 6/11/22 Owner: Jennifer Stotts**

**Captain Nick's Kon Tiki  
Lorain County Kennel Club  
8/14-2022  
Beginner Novice Obedience Title  
Owner: Christine Nickerson**

**Captain Nick's Kon Tiki  
Lorain County Kennel Club  
8/13 & 14/ 2022  
Qualified 2 legs Rally Obedience  
Owner: Christine Nickerson**

**Captain Nick's Barnacle Bill  
Lorain County Kennel Club  
8/13 & 14/ 2022  
Qualified 2 legs Rally Obedience  
Owner: Christine Nickerson**

**Captain Nick's Ship's Belle  
Lorain County Kennel Club  
8/14-2022  
Beginner Novice Obedience Title  
Owner: Christine Nickerson**

## 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 \$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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