



RETRIEVER REVIEW

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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

SB250 is dead! At least for now. It is certain to be resurrected in some form for the next legislative session, but until 2010 we can all breathe more easily. Don't lose track of the Concerned Dog Owners of California website www.cdoca.org or the instant letter writer www.saveourdogs.net because we will need them again next year. Many thanks to everyone who took the time to oppose every revision of the bill. Unfortunately, this is what has to be done to convince legislators that you are serious about your opposition.

The Conformation clinic was a huge success thanks to the planning efforts of Denise Coler and Ron Morelos, and the great instruction and advice of Sandra Flanigan and Margaret Stanard. Both ladies said they observed enormous improvement in both dogs and handlers between the beginning and end of the classes. Plans are in the works to hold another clinic series in the spring of 2010 before the LRCS Specialty. Don't forget the upcoming San Diego club match on October 4 and our own LRCS B-OB match on October 10.

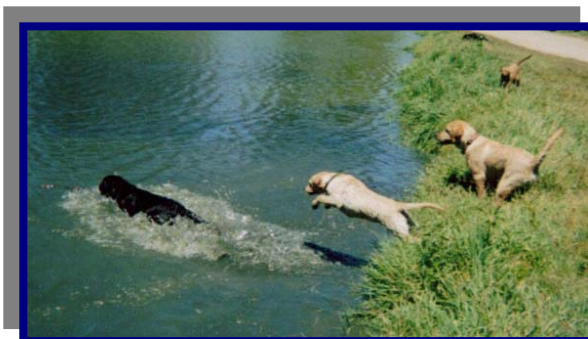
Working Certificate Training Days are set for September 27 and October 3 – look for the flyer inside the Review. The LRCS Board has voted to revise the CWA guidelines and instructions to judges to conform to those of the LRC Inc Working Certificate. This revision will apply to the upcoming Working Certificate test. One major change will be no long water retrieves, since the objective of that test is to demonstrate willingness to re-enter the water and not swimming conditioning. The LRC, Inc Working Certificate is available to any AKC registered Labrador that meets the test criteria. It is not necessary for the owner to be a member of LRC, Inc.

Sue Terpstra will be in charge of the Hunt Test Raffle. If you have donations or can help with selling tickets for a while during the Hunt Test, please contact her. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is new to and possibly interested in field work to get a feel for it while helping the club bring in the funds that enable us to put on these programs. Our raffles frequently are the difference between profit and loss at our events.

There are tentative plans for an optional Health Clinic after the Hunt Test, at which DNA specimens will be collected to screen for one or all of the following mutations: Exercise Induced Collapse (EIC), Centronuclear Myopathy (CNM) also known as Labrador Muscular Myopathy, and possibly Optigen (PRA). Details may be available by the time the Review goes to press, or contact Sue Terpstra or Ron Morelos.

If you are having difficulty downloading or opening the Retriever Review, please send an email describing the problem to editor Celeste Young, finnmarksviddalabs@hotmail.com

In closing, I would like to mention the final edition of Julie Sturman's "Julie Brown's Directory to Labrador Retriever Pedigrees". This national directory of Labrador photos and pedigrees has been published annually since 1971. In it you can see many lovely dogs that never grace the pages of LQ. Julie is retiring after 2010 and whether the directory will continue is not known. Each entry receives a copy of the directory, but you can purchase a book without submitting an entry. Deadline for entries is November 1, 2009. Info at www.pedigreebook.com



Jane

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We're on Facebook!

Have you joined the LRCSC's email list at yahoogroups.com?

Share upcoming events and news with fellow LRCSC members via our own email list. This list is intended for the use of the members of the Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California. Please use this list to keep current members up-to-date on pertinent Dog News and Information.

It's easy to subscribe! Send an email to:

LRCSC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Contact Ron Morelos at ron.morelos@gmail.com for any questions

From the Membership Chair

Celeste Young

Finnmarksviddalabs@hotmail.com

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS!!
(none)

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW FULL MEMBERS!!
(none)

The following people have applied for Associate membership with the LRCSC and have had their application read to the board:

[Susan & Rod Merrill](#)

The following people have applied for full membership with the LRCSC and have had their application read to the board:
(none)

If you have any objection to the above mentioned persons joining the club, please voice your concern at the next Board meeting.

Lab Rescue Organizations:

Fetching Companions, Inc.
www.fetchingcompanions.org
FCRR Message line 888.412.3382
www.sclrr.org
sclrr@sclrr.org
PO Box 4188
Irvine, CA 92616-4188
1.888.55.4.A LAB





The Winner's Circle

The Winner's Circle entries are any **1st place**, a **qualifying score or leg**, a **placement at a specialty or LRCSC supported entry**, or a **new title** in the **last three (3) months**. Non AKC titles will only be listed in regular format, but no individual wins for non AKC events will be listed. Please only submit title, date, and location where the title was completed. Match wins are not eligible for publication in the Retriever Review, but may be listed if space is available. Entries are listed in alphabetical order by the dog's registered name.

New Title!

CH CANNON-LTD DUSTER BROWN CD, RE, WC, CGC

(CH. Belgairn Tom Jones X Thornwood's
www.cannon in D RN) Breeders: Lorna Brandt &
Aaron Bradshaw, Owners: Danny & Tina Ly
8/29/09 WD, BOW Santa Barbara KC
3 pt major, Judge: Guy Spagnolo
9/13/09 BOB Prescott Arizona KC,
Judge: Mr. Norman L Patton



HYSPIRESANDAMAR COLERIVER BONNE AMIE **CCG**

(Ch Buttonwood Stone Cliff True Grit x Ch Hypspire
It Had To Be You), Breeders: Vonnie Russell, Lisa
DaRoss, Sandy Ramsey, Owners: Denise Coler &
Tania Clark
8/28/09 1st American Bred Simi Valley KC
Judge: Mrs. Jeanie M. Montford

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8/30/09 1st American Bred Santa Barbara KC
Judge: Mrs. Judy Schenk Chambers

New Title!

CH DELBY MARSTAD BLACK PEARL

(CH Hollyhill Delby's Samuel Adams x Delby's Over
The Moon)
Owner: Terri Herigstad
Breeder: Vicki Blodgett
7/26/09 WB, BOW, BOB Lompoc Villy KC
Judge: Elliott Weiss
8/21/09 WB - Lake County KC of No CA
Judge: Bernard McGivern

New Title!

PROSPECT HAWKEYES STORM WATCH **CD**
(CH Prospect Bayside Storm Watch, SH, CD, WCX
x Prospect Mae B Darby's Game, RN) Breeders:
Eric and Trudy Soneson, Owners: Judith and
George McLachlan

5/31/09 2nd place Novice A Pasadena KC
9/19/09 2nd place Novice A Santa Ana KC
9/20/09 1st place Novice A Santa Ana Valley KC

PUPULATION INCREASE

Only verifiable screening information will be listed and only certification numbers are provided. The following organizations will certify the certifications that they have issued. You must know either certification number of the dog or its AKC number. If no certification numbers are listed, it does not necessarily mean that the dog has not been screened. Prospective buyers should inquire for further information from the breeder of the litter.

Canine Eye Registration (CERF)

317.494.8179 www.vmdb.org/inquiry.html

Orthopedic Foundation of America (OFA)

573.442.428 www.offa.org

Optigen

607.257.0301 www.optigen.com

Note: These litter listings are provided as a service and information exchange for full members of the LRCSC. The listing will run in two (2) consecutive issues, only. One (1) extra month costs \$5.00, payable to LRCSC before the ad will run. No effort is made to verify the information provided, nor does the LRCSC as an organization enforce these litters. It is the responsibility of the consumer to certify information, ask questions, and evaluate guarantees and contracts as should be done before making any significant purchase.

Black/yellow litter due Sept 1st

Contact Terri Boyle VENTURE RANCH LABS
760-379-4926 harerzr@earthlink.net
OR Sue Vose DELTA DAWN LABS 760 379-5135

Sire: Lawson's Best Man SR49132502
OFA PRELIMS HIPS GOOD
OFA PRELIMS ELBOWS CLEAR
CERF ANNUALLY

DAM: VENTURE-DELTADAWNS CLASSIC DESIGN
SR:31919701
OFA HIPS LR-177316G31E-PI
OFA ELBOS LR-EL40753F31-PI
CERF LR-51661/2009

All Yellow Litter 5YB 1YD Born 9/8/09

Contact Susan Merrill 951-543-2122

Sire Ch. Everwoods Sly Dawg
OFA Prelims Hips Good
OFA Elbows Clear
Optigen A
Full Dentition

Dam Country Manor Bailey
OFA Hips Good
OFA Elbows Normal
CERF
Optigen B



Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California

FIELD PRACTICE DAYS

Sunday, September 27th, 2009

Saturday, October 3rd, 2009

Prado Dog Training Park, Euclid Avenue, Chino, CA

Exit Euclid Avenue from the 71 freeway and head east.

*Turn right into the Prado Dog Training Park, across from the shooting range.
Bring a chair, your dog's crate, collar, leash, and fresh water for you and your dog.*

We will meet at the picnic area at 8:00 AM

*Please call Denise Coler at (949)295-1642 or e-mail to coleriverlabs@roadrunner.com
to RSVP and receive your reduced gate entry fee*.*

*We'll need to know your phone number and
the number of dogs you will be bringing so that we have enough birds.*

**You MUST RSVP to get the reduced gate entry fee of \$10 (regular fee is \$15.00 for two people/two dogs per car). If you RSVP and DO NOT CHECK IN, you may forfeit this privilege in the future. Please give us a call the night before if you CANNOT make the training day.*

Please note the following:

Cost for training day: \$15 for non-LRCSC members/\$10 for LRCSC members (does not include your gate entry fee)

Prado Dog Training Park is a training field. Guns, live ammunition, e-collars and birds may be used by some trainers on their own dogs for training purposes.

The Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California

AKC B-OB Match

October 10, 2009

Canyon RV Park at Featherly Park, Anaheim CA
(Gypsum Canyon exit off of the 91 fwy)

Judges

Mrs. Sharene Clark – Everwood – Conformation and Junior Showmanship
Mr. Wendell Young - Obedience

Pre-entry deadline is October 5th. Please send entries to:
Diane Matsuura, 915 E. Lemon Ave, Glendora, CA 91741

Classes Offered:

Conformation: 4-6m. puppy, 6-9m. puppy, 9-12m. puppy, 12-18m., Bred by Exhibitor, Open Black, Open AOAC

Obedience: Sub-Novice, Novice A, Novice B, Open A, Open B, Utility, Grad Novice

Junior Showmanship: \$1.00 Ringside, classes divided as necessary

Futurity: No Futurity offered this year.

Entry Costs: **Pre-entry** \$6.00 per entry and \$4.00 additional class per dog

Day of Match \$8.00 per entry and \$5.00 additional class per dog

Additional Information

Gate Fee is \$5.00 per vehicle, plus \$1.00 per dog. Gates open at 7:00a.m.

Judging will begin at 10:00a.m. with Junior Showmanship and Obedience.

Pot-Luck Picnic in the Park: LRCSC will provide sandwich fixings and cold drinks. Please bring your favorite food to share.

Bring your own chairs and dog equipment (crate or x-pen) and shade.

Reminder: Professional handlers may show only their own dogs. Dogs with major points toward their Championship are not eligible for match entry. **Only Labradors may be entered in this Match.**

To **VOLUNTEER** or **DONATE RAFFLE ITEMS** or **Match information** contact:
Diane Matsuura, dmatsuura@canidae.com

LRCSC Match Entry Form

Send pre-entries to: Diane Matsuura, 915 E. Lemon Ave, Glendora, CA 91741

All Pre-entries due by October 5, 2009

Entry number _____

AKC Name of Dog: _____
 Color _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Owner(s) Name: _____ Phone# _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

First entry per dog \$6.00 Additional class per dog \$4.00

Breed Class (circle one) 4-6m. 6-9m. 9-12m. 12-18m. BBE, Open Blk, Open AOAC

Obedience Class (circle one) Sub-nov, Nov A, Nov B, Open A, Open B, Utility, Grad Nov

I/We agree to hold the LRCSC, it's officers, members, and agents harmless for any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused to any person or thing while upon the match grounds.

Owner Signature _____ Total Paid: _____

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Health Clinic - E.I.C. Testing
at the

LRCSC HUNT TRIAL

Saturday, October 24, 2009

Animal & Bird Hospital of Norco - Darlene O. Sanchez, DVM
Will provide the following services:

Testing for:
Exercise Induced Collapse
CentroNuclear Myopathy
OptiGen

Administering:
Rattlesnake Vaccine
Microchip (Avid)

Pre-registration is strongly recommended

Visit our website for details www.lrcsocal.org Or check us out on Facebook

Reservations and questions to Wendy Pennington

Cell: 562.208.9267

Home: 562.420.8629

Email: sealionlabs@aol.com

LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Working Certificate (LRC, Inc. rules) Certificate of Advanced Working Ability (LRCSC rules)

Sunday, October 25th, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

Prado Dog Training Area

Chino, California

Judges: To be determined

Chairperson: Denise Coler

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 per test

Working Certificate: One land single and two water single retrieves
(Also qualifies for LRCSC "Certificate of Working Ability")

Certificate of Advanced Working Ability: One land double and one water double retrieves

Entries are by pre-registration **ONLY**, and must be received by Friday, October 16th, 2009

Please mail completed entry form(s) with entry fee(s) to:

Denise Coler
18612 Sussex Road
Riverside, CA 92504

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ENTRY FORM

Entry for: () WC Test () CAWA Test

AKC Registered Name _____

AKC Number _____ Date of Birth _____ Male/Female (circle one)

Call Name _____

Sire _____

Dam _____

Breeder _____

Owner(s) _____

Owner's address _____

Phone Number (including area code) _____

Owner's E-mail _____

Handler's name _____

Make checks payable to **LRCSC**

Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club



Invites you to its 35th Annual
Specialty Show, Sweepstakes, Obedience Trial, & Rally Trial

Friday & Saturday, October 16 & 17, 2009
Pleasanton, CA

Judges:	Arwyn Ellis (Dolwen, UK)	All Breed Classes
	Dan Clark (Everwood)	Sweepstakes
	Dorin Ladd	Novice A & B, Utility A & B, Veterans
	Lara Cox	Open A & B, Rally

Catalog Ads Close: September 2, 2009 Jennifer Kelly belgairnlabs@mchsi.com

Entries Close: Noon, Wed., September 30, 2009

Supt: MB-F www.infodog.com

Questions? Specialty Chair Terri Herigstad marstad@aol.com



Top Dog

November 14, 2009
Orange Empire Dog Club, Bloomington, CA

The Southern California Dog Obedience Council consists of 21 Southern California dog clubs. SCDOC holds a Top Dog obedience competition each year, in which member clubs compete. Each team has about ten members. If you are interested in competing on the LRCSC's team, contact Wendy Pennington at (562) 420-8629. In the past several years, our team has been in the first **five** placements. This will be the 52nd Annual Top Dog Exhibition.

This year LRCSC is in charge of the raffles. Trudy Soneson, (714) 685-1557 or tsoneson@hotmail.com, is the coordinator. There is a fifty/fifty raffle and our team members will be selling tickets for this, as will all of the teams members. The second raffle will be a general raffle with tickets being sold at the competition. If you would like to donate or help with the raffle, call Trudy.

Come out and attend Top Dog and support our team. Lots of fun and excitement. See great obedience dogs and handlers in all of the Clubs, and support our Club. It's free.

Conformation Clinic ~ Sunday, September 13th, 2009

It was a glorious day! Those of you who hang with Labradors know what I mean...Overcast and cool temperatures for most of the day, good friends, and lots of Labradors from pups to veterans.

The Conformation Clinic was, to put it in two words, a success!

We had two experienced, knowledgeable, and patient teachers in Margaret Stanard and Alexandra "Sandra" Flanigan. They began by talking to us about showing in the conformation ring starting with the very basics all the way through the more advanced skills.

Then, everyone had a chance to run their pups/dogs through a real-life ring experience, providing one-on-one critique and helpful hints. We even had a couple of young junior handlers with their dogs.

A heartfelt thank you to our "judges", Margaret Stanard and Sandra Flanigan. And thank you, also, to our participants:

Sandy Forkert & Boone
Susie Terpstra & Ruby
Marla & Dirk Layer & Guinness, Jewel, and Fergie
Trudy Soneson & Gypsy
Cheryl Swift & Beazus
Alice Munger & Georgia
Cathy Banks & Summer
Ron Morelos & Sparkle
Julia Farina-Morelos & Gabby
Beverly Kulp & Boomer
Karen Lawson & Lilly
Jane Babbitt & Ensign
Julie Crabtree & Cooper
Deanna Latendresse & Daisy
Claire Latendresse & Mark
Julia Bunker & Chase
Pat Schempp & Whisper
Lynnette Glaum & Tess

To those of you who joined us for the day, we would love to have your comments* and suggestions for our next session. We thank you for your participation and hope to see you again at our next Conformation Clinic.

With sincere appreciation,
Ron Morelos and Denise Coler
Conformation Clinic Co-Chairs

*Please send comments to Denise Coler, coleriverlabs@roadrunner.com, or Ron Morelos, can8tive@aol.com

9/13/09 Conformation Clinic Photo Album



Photos by Susie Terpstra

Why pets are good for kids

(<http://dogtime.com/pets-good-for-kids.html>)

Dogs and other animals can help children cope with a variety of ailments like depression, emotional disorders, and even poor immune function.

Pets are also good preventive medicine for healthy children to help them avoid developing allergies, increasing weight, or becoming social outcasts. Pets can also teach children empathy and compassion.

"Children in dog-owning families have more traditional values, better academic achievement, and greater respect for their parents," said Elizabeth Omerod, companion animal veterinary surgeon, and member of the Pet Health Council in London. "I often witness positive attitudinal changes in young people following the introduction of animals to their lives."

Medical Advantages

This isn't just anecdotal hearsay; it's the subject of numerous medical studies conducted around the world, many of which are found at the Delta Society.

- A Swedish study found that pet exposure during the first year of life was associated with a lower prevalence of allergic rhinitis and asthma in children ages 7 to 13 years old
- A large-scale survey of 11,000 Australians, Chinese, and Germans found that pet owners made up to 20 percent fewer annual visits to the doctor than non-pet owners
- A study of 256 children, ages 5 to 11 years, in three schools in England and Scotland found that kids with pets had fewer sick days
- A study of 100 children younger than 13 years who owned cats found that more than 80 percent said they got along better with family and friends
- Studies have linked family ownership of a pet with high self-esteem in young children and greater cognitive development
- Children with pets at home score significantly higher on empathy and pro-social scales than non-pet owners

Stress Busters on a Leash

What is it about animals that makes them so special around children? Experts overwhelmingly zone in on their ability to decrease stress because they offer love and affection unconditionally.

In one survey, 70 percent of families reported an increase in family happiness and fun after they acquired a pet. Also, the presence of a dog during a child's physical examination or dental treatment has been found to decrease the child's stress and anxiety.

"When under stress, our chemical make-up changes, and a multitude of stress hormones are introduced in the body," said Caryn Sabes Hacker, a psychotherapist with more than twenty-five years of experience with children, and author of *A Bully Grows Up: Erik Meets the Wizard*.

"Ultimately, these hormones cause inflammation in our cells. Petting an animal, hearing its soft breathing, feeling its heart beat, looking into its sweet eyes, knowing that the pet needs us and that we need the pet, creates feelings of love and a corresponding influx of chemicals from the brain that are calming and comforting and create a sense of well-being and happiness," she said.

Families across the world have harnessed one of the most powerful medicines of all--unconditional love from a furry, four-legged healthcare worker who is on-call twenty-four hours a day and doesn't require a paycheck.

Reviewed by Susan E. Aiello, DVM, ELS and John A. Bukowski, DVM, MPH, PhD

*Originally published by WebVet
Article provided by DivineCaroline.com*

Caution in Feeding Chicken Jerky to Dogs

Consumer Update

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) continues to caution consumers about a potential association between the development of illness in dogs and the consumption of chicken jerky products. The products—also called chicken tenders, strips, or treats—are imported from China. FDA continues to receive complaints of sick dogs that their owners or veterinarians associate with eating chicken jerky products. FDA issued a cautionary warning to consumers in September 2007.

Australian news organizations report that the University of Sydney is also investigating an association between illness in dogs and the consumption of chicken jerky in Australia. At least one firm in Australia has recalled their chicken jerky product and the recall notification stated the product was manufactured in China.

What is FDA Doing?

- FDA, in addition to several veterinary diagnostic laboratories in the United States, is working to find out why these products are associated with illness in dogs. To date, scientists have not been able to determine a precise cause for the reported illnesses.
- FDA has conducted extensive chemical and microbial testing but has not identified any contaminant.
- FDA continues to actively investigate the problem. Many of the illnesses reported may be the result of causes other than eating chicken jerky.

Tips for Consumers

- Do not substitute chicken jerky products for a balanced diet. The products are intended to be used occasionally and in small quantities. Owners of small dogs must be especially careful to limit the amount of these products.
- If you choose to feed your dog chicken jerky products, watch the dog closely. Stop feeding the product if your dog shows any of the following signs, which may occur within hours to days after feeding the product:
 - decreased appetite, although some dogs may continue to eat the treats instead of other foods
 - decreased activity
 - vomiting
 - diarrhea, sometimes with blood
 - increased water drinking or increased urination
- Call your veterinarian if signs are severe or last for more than 24 hours. Blood tests may indicate kidney failure (increased urea nitrogen and creatinine). Urine tests may indicate Fanconi syndrome (increased glucose). Although most dogs appear to recover, some reports to FDA have involved dogs that have died.
- Consumers and veterinarians should report cases of animal illness associated with pet foods or treats to the [FDA Consumer Complaint Coordinator](#) listed for their area.

This article appears on [FDA's Consumer Health Information Web page](#), which features the latest on all FDA-regulated products.

Date Posted: December 24, 2008

Halloween Safety Tips for Dogs

Holidays stress dogs and Halloween can be fairly scary for him. Each Halloween, veterinarians nationwide see injuries that could have been avoided. By following a few simple tips, you can help to avoid injuries.

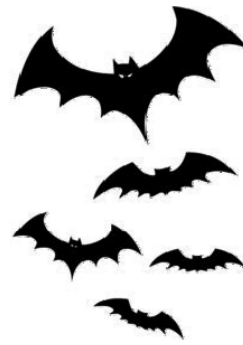
* Costumes may frighten some dogs so walk them before the goblins come out.

* If you are giving out candy, be sure to keep your dog in a safe room away from the door. A door constantly opening & closing, lots of commotion and strange people in strange costumes increases the risk of your dog running out and the possibility of being hit by a car.

* Make sure your dog is wearing an up-to-date I.D. tag.

* Some dogs are bothered by loud noises. If yours is it would be best to place him in a quiet room with his favourite toy & bed, far away from the commotion, at least 30 minutes before the goblins arrive. Filling

the room with some soft music will also help to calm his nerves.



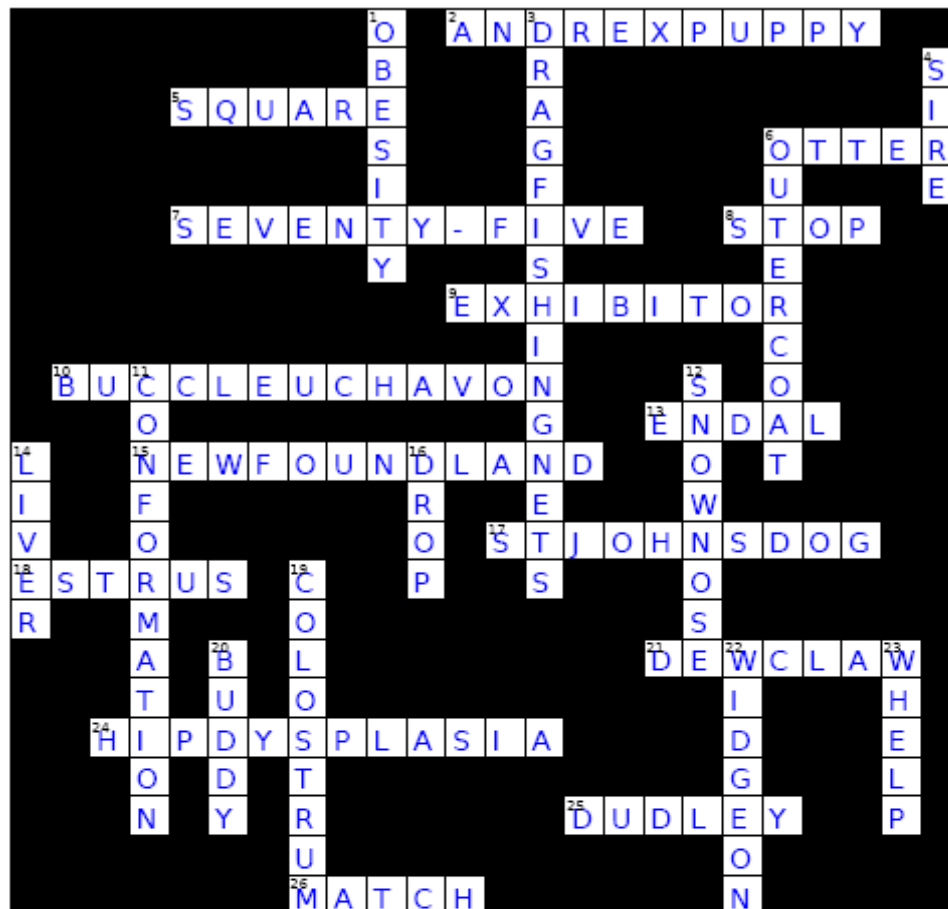
* Crating your dog is also an excellent idea. It will make him feel more secure and prevent him from running out the door.

* Keep your dog inside with you. Over the years, there have been reports of taunting, poisonings and even theft.

* Remind your family and children how dangerous treats, as well as candy wrappers, are to dogs. Designate a place, that is out of reach of your dog, to keep them & make sure everyone knows where it is.

* Burning candles are dangerous. Dogs can easily knock them down creating a mess of wax and even starting a fire.

* Most dogs aren't used to wearing costumes so don't start now. If they aren't used to it, it can cause a health hazard. If you do dress him up, make sure he can still use all of his senses: breathing, seeing and hearing. Dogs will chew & eat almost anything so be sure to remove anything that dangles, could be chewed or swallowed and avoid using rubber bands. They can cut off circulation and cut the skin if accidentally left on.

CROSSWORD FUN!! (answer key to September Crossword puzzle)

Across

- 2 cottonelle mascot
 5 head type
 6 tail
 7 max male weight according to standard
 8 area between skull and nasal bone near eyes
 9 people who show dogs
 10 original foundation dog
 13 most famous lab
 15 origin
 17 original breed name
 18 reproductive cycle
 21 thumb
 24 an inherited disorder
 25 flesh colored nose
 26 practice show

Down

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Q&A

with Dr. Darlene Sanchez



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This is a young Labrador a few days after being bitten by a rattlesnake. He was hospitalized for several weeks and accumulated a very large veterinary bill. Some of the area around the bite on the head died, and this dog now has permanent conformational damage to his head. This could have been prevented had this dog previously received a rattlesnake vaccine."

Halloween is around the corner and I have heard chocolate is toxic to dogs. Is this true?

Yes. Chocolate is very toxic to dogs. The toxic ingredient is a Methylxanthine called Theobromide. It primarily affects the neurologic and cardiac systems, and signs will usually be noted 1-4 hours after ingestion of toxic doses. Signs include tremors, an elevated heart rate and breathing rate, increased urination, seizures, vomiting, high or low blood pressure, high temperature, coma and death. In dogs that survive, pancreatitis may also occur because of the high fat content in chocolate. The toxic dose of chocolate depends on the type of chocolate ingested (because they have different concentrations of Theobromide). Thus, a toxic dose for a 65 pound Labrador would be about 50 oz of Milk Chocolate, 22 oz of Dark Chocolate, 7 oz of Baking Chocolate or 4 oz of dry Cocoa Powder. In addition, Cocoa Mulch used for gardens, chocolate cookies and other chocolate containing products are also very toxic, and should be avoided. If your dog ingests chocolate containing products, induce vomiting with 1 mL of 3% Hydrogen Peroxide orally per pound of body weight, but give no more than 30 mL total. Then seek veterinarian attention immediately.

I noticed my veterinarian now carries rattlesnake vaccines. Is this something I should vaccinate my dogs against?

It is definitely something you should consider. Many areas in Southern California are habitats to rattlesnakes (particularly the Western Diamondback Rattlesnake). Habitats include grasslands, forests, plains, canyons, deserts, areas near trash piles, junk yards and more. Approximately 150,000 dogs and cats are bitten annually by venomous snakes. Rattlesnake bites can easily kill a dog. If the dog survives, the bite can cause permanent damage to the liver, kidneys, and heart and can cause death of the skin and muscles. It is severely painful to the dog, may require weeks of hospitalization and can cost thousands of dollars in veterinary bills. In addition, many veterinary hospitals do not carry anti-venin for treatment because of its high cost and lack of availability. If you live in a rattlesnake area, this vaccine would benefit you by providing added protection. If your dog gets bitten, this vaccine will delay the onset of symptoms, result in less severe symptoms, result in less or no treatment needed, and result in a faster recovery time. Rattlesnake vaccines should be administered twice, 4 weeks apart and then boosted once every 6-12 months. Booster vaccines should be given at the beginning of rattlesnake season, in about March or April each year. Now is the perfect time to get your dogs' initial vaccine series to be just in time for their boosters in the Spring.

I was recently told I should be testing my breeding Labradors for Exercise Induced Collapse (EIC). What is EIC and how do I test for it?

Exercise Induced Collapse (EIC) is the most common reason for excitement related collapse in young, apparently normal Labrador Retrievers. Although it is primarily seen in Labradors, it can also affect other types of retrievers. Affected dogs cannot tolerate strenuous exercise such as hunting and may not even be able to tolerate a high level of excitement or repetitive retrieves. During times of such activity or excitement, the rear limbs become weak, uncoordinated and unable to support weight. The dogs' body temperature will become very elevated and some dogs will die during an EIC episode. Affected dogs are rarely able to continue in hunting training or competition. The good news is that you can prevent this syndrome from affecting your line by simply having EIC tests done on your breeding Labradors and by selectively breeding. EIC is thought to have an autosomal recessive mode of inheritance. Thus, if you plan on breeding your dogs (especially hunting dogs), you should have an EIC test done by your veterinarian. It is a simple procedure requiring only a sample of blood.

Calendar of Events

October

- 3 Splash Dogs - Lancaster, CA
 3 **LRCSC WC Practice - Prado**
 9 Obedience only. Cabrillo KC, Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar
 10 **LRCSC BoB Match** – RV Canyon Park, Anaheim
 10 & 11 Cabrillo KC, Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar
 10 & 11 Black Mountain KC, Primm Valley Resort Conference Center, Primm, NV
 23 **Deadline for Retriever Review submissions**
 24 & 25 KC of Riverside, Lake Perris Rec Area, Perris
 24 **EIC, CMN, OPTIGEN Health Clinic – Prado**
 24 & 25 **LRCSC 2009 Fall Hunt Test - Prado**
 25 **LRCSC WC/CAWA Test - Prado**
 31 San Gabriel Valley KC, LA County Fairgrounds, Pomona

November

- 1 Antelope Valley KC, LA County Fairgrounds, Pomona
 14 Top Dog – Orange Empire KC, Bloomingdale
 14 & 15 San Luis Obispo KC, California Mid State Fairgrounds, Paso Robles
 14 & 15 California South Coast Retriever Club 2009 Fall Hunt Tests – Lost Hills
 13 – 16 Tucson and Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Clubs. Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ
 20 **Deadline for Retriever Review submissions**
 20 & 21 Golden Valley KC. Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock
 22 & 23 San Joaquin KC. San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, Stockton, CA
 27-30 Yuma and Imperial Valley Kennel Clubs. Yuma County Fairgrounds, Yuma, AZ

December

- 7 Malibu KC – Costa Mesa
 9, 10, 11 Beverly Hills KC, Los Encinos KC & Long Beach KC - Long Beach Convention Center



Editors Note:

Believe it or not, fall is here and there's a lot coming up in the next couple of months.

The LRCSC is bubbling with field practice days, matches, hunt tests, working certificate and certificate of advanced working ability tests, a raffle, conformation clinics and even a health clinic. Lots of things to get your dog involved in as well as yourself! Please volunteer your time & energy, if you can. Our club depends on you!

Remember to send in your newsletter submissions by the 3rd Friday of the month. Anything received after the deadline may not make it in the newsletter. We welcome your winner's circle entries, litter submissions, articles you have written, photos, advertisements, & questions for the veterinarian.



Have a wonderful October and remember to keep your "kids" safe in the field as well as during Halloween. Enjoy the Review!
 Celeste

Thank you to the Lab Club of Southern California for sending me flowers on behalf of the club recently. This has been a difficult year for me but I'm hoping and praying for a cure and to be able to be actively involved with our labs next year. Thank you for the joy I received from these flowers.

*Blessings to all of you,
 Carol Bentley - Laguna Labs*