

TOP LINES

KEYSTONE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB

FALL / WINTER 2018

President: Georgann Syphard

Vice President: Karen Vare

Secretary: Edie Castor

Treasurer: Wilson Smith

Board Of Directors:

Mickie Kelly, Terri Shober,

Ann Tyler, Rocco Spinelli,

Kathy LaFrana

Committees:

Conformation: Edie Castor
(Chair)

Obedience/Rally: Karen Vare
(Chair)

Field Day: Karen Vare (Chair)

Judges: Georgann Syphard
(Chair)

Hospitality: **Vacant** (Chair)

Website: Sara Thornton
(WebMaster)

Membership Coordinator:
Terri Shober

Sunshine Club: Faith Hyndman

AKC Relationship Coordinator:
Darlene Pors

Trophies: Mickie Kelly (Chair)

Historian: Shirley Spinelli

Newsletter Editor: Kathy
LaFrana; email:

vixenscup@yahoo.com

Hello Keystone LRC Members,

Just a quick update on KLRC's licensure status. As of June 2018, the AKC has approved Keystone's request and the Club has been approved for the holding of licensed championship point events. In other words, KLRC will only be licensed to hold specialties in conjunction with another specialty, Group or All-Breed shows or cluster. In addition, AKC has requested that additional changes/revisions to KRLC's bylaws be considered the next time the document is under revision.

Congratulations KLRC members on a job well done!

Georgann Syphard

KLRC President



BRAGS! CONGRATULATIONS! BRAGS!

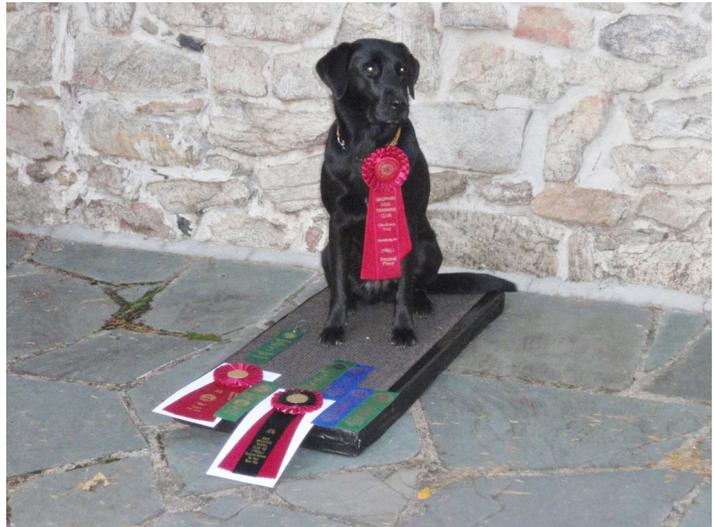
Submitted by Jacqui Hartranft,

Abbey and I finished her Graduate Novice title at the Blue Mountain Cluster, the Pocono Show with three first places. Then at Bloomsburg, Back Mountain Kennel Club trial in November, she finished her Open title with two second places and a first place.

In UKC obedience, she finished her Novice title at the Pennjy trial in Flanders, NJ, the month of October. She had two second places and a first place. The last leg was a 199 with a tie for High In Trial. Unfortunately she lost the run-off. I am very proud of all my little girl and all she has accomplished. She is also listed as Number 10 in the UKC Novice All Stars.



Abbey with her UKC Ribbons



Abbey with her AKC Ribbons





UPCOMING EVENTS



Upcoming Events

Obedience Match

March 9, 2019

K9 Jym, Colmar, Pa

Bronx County Kennel Club Dog Show

March 24, 2019

KLRC Supported Entry

Judge: Sven Slettedal, Fieldvalley Labradors

Annual Banquet

April 14, 2019

Location TBD

Bucks County Kennel Club Dog Show

May 4, 2019

KLRC Supported Entry

Judge: Keri Schooler, Amigas Labradors

Sweepstakes Judge: Shirley Spinelli, Black Oaks Labradors



EVENTS cont'd on next page

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONT'D)



The Mid-Jersey Labrador Retriever Club

Proudly Presents

A Canine Reproduction Seminar for Dog Breeders

Presented by Melissa Goodman DVM

Saturday March 9, 2019 8AM-4PM

Care One at Somerset Valley, 1621 US-22 Bound Brook NJ 08805

Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided

Cost =\$50 FMI contact Micki Beerman, 718-377-0613/917-576-7272

Topics:

Ovulation Timing Part 1: Reproductive Physiology, Behavior, Physical changes

Ovulation Timing Part 2: Timing breeding's, Hormonal testing, Maximizing conception

Artificial Insemination Techniques

Natural Breeding and Side-by-Side

Fresh or Chilled Semen AI

Frozen Semen Breeding

Question and Answer Period



EVENTS cont'd on next page

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONT'D)

Mail your check made out to MJLRC
C/O Micki Beerman,
2056 Kimball Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234
There is a limited number of seats so don't delay.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Breed of dogs you breed: _____





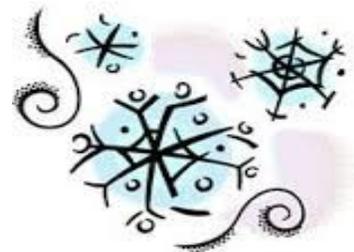
This is an important message from Dr. Mary McDaniel.

Yesterday I made my annual trek to the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine to make a presentation about the American Kennel Club to the Theriogenology Club and other interested students. Approximately 100 students spent their lunch break learning about the sport of purebred dogs and the role of the AKC, CHF and OFA in promoting healthy dog breeding. There were many nodding heads, but also some obvious dissenters. UF used to have a very active Small Animal Reproduction department, but now it is smaller and a Shelter Medicine Program is prominent. That change makes me nervous.

I share this because our Dog Show community has a wonderful opportunity to become involved with the veterinary students before they go into practice and before they decide whether or not they will work with breeders and the sport. Most students have never attended a dog show, agility or obedience trial, a field trial, or any of the many other AKC events in which we participate. They know our sport through "Best In Show" or PETA, and neither throw a very flattering or accurate light on what we do.

So I urge All-Breed, Specialty and Performance clubs with a nearby Veterinary School to invite students to be your guests at events. Make your presence known during Open House events. Have your clubs create scholarships for students. Get involved. And most of all, share your love and passion for the sport with someone that you may one day need as part of your health care team.

Please share with others in the sport.





ARTICLES (CONT'D)



Taurine Deficiency Induced Dilated Cardiomyopathy in Golden Retrievers

Taurine Deficiency Induced Dilated Cardiomyopathy in Golden Retrievers

by Janet Olson, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)

Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM) is becoming more prevalent in golden retrievers. Dr. Joshua Stern, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (Cardiology) at UC Davis, starting seeing a pattern and recognized that many cases were due to dietary taurine deficiency in golden retrievers fed grain free diets. Here is what we know so far:

Background

Taurine is an amino acid that is found in high concentrations in heart and muscle. Among its many functions, it aids in normal contractile function. Evidence shows that taurine helps mediate calcium channel transports and modulates calcium sensitivity of the myofibrils.

Taurine deficiency as a cause of dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) is not a new issue. Taurine deficiency in cats was characterized by Pion et al in the late 1980s. Taurine deficiency has since been characterized as a cause of acquired DCM in dogs as well.

Currently identified diets of concern in these golden retrievers

According to Dr. Stern, the majority of cases they are seeing at UC Davis are from grain free diets that are high in legumes, like acana pork and squash singles.

What can we do? Some Guidelines.

- **ASK:** Make sure to ask your clients (whether they own golden retrievers or not) what diets they are currently or previously have fed their dogs
- **INFORM:** Inform your clients of his issue
- **ACT:** If they are currently on, or have been on grain free diets in the past, submit baseline **WHOLE** blood taurine levels and **AFTER** submitting the **WHOLE** blood taurine levels, switch diets if indicated. Temporary taurine supplementation may be necessary. If levels are low, take baseline chest films, if cardiomegaly noted on the radiographs, an echocardiogram is indicated to complete your baseline evaluation. Additional therapy may be indicated.
- **GET MORE INFORMATION:** Dr. Stern has compiled many of the studies in the following links: <https://www.dropbox.com/.../AAB1sDvLZe6gE3httPskz9-0a...> [Taurine Deficient DCM in Dogs](#)





ARTICLES (CONT'D)



I AM YOUR DOG.....

I am your dog, and I have a little something I'd like to whisper in your ear.

I know that you humans lead busy lives. Some have to work, some have children to raise.

It always seems like you are running here and there, often much too fast, often never noticing the truly grand things in life.

Look down at me now, while you sit there at your computer. See the way my dark brown eyes look at yours? They are slightly cloudy now. That comes with age. The gray hairs are beginning to ring my soft muzzle.

You smile at me; I see love in your eyes. What do you see in mine? Do you see a spirit? A soul inside, who loves you as no other could in the world? A spirit that would forgive all trespasses of prior wrong doing for just simple moment of your time? That is all I ask... to slow down, if even for a few minutes to be with me.

So many times you have been saddened by the words you read on that screen, of other of my kind, passing. Sometimes we die young and oh so quickly, sometimes so suddenly it wrenches your heart out of your throat.

Sometimes, we age so slowly before your eyes that you may not even seem to know until the very end, when we look at you with grizzled muzzles and cataract clouded eyes. Still the love is always there, even when we must take that long sleep, to run free in a distant land.

I may not be here tomorrow; I may not be here next week. Someday you will shed the water from your eyes, that humans have when deep grief fills their souls, and you will be angry at yourself that you did not have just "One more day" with me. Because I love you so, your sorrow touches my spirit and grieves me. We have NOW, together. So come, sit down here next to me on the floor, and look deep into my eyes. What do you see?

If you look hard and deep enough we will talk, you and I, heart to heart. Come to me not as "alpha" or as "trainer" or even "Mom or Dad," come to me as a living soul and stroke my fur and let us look deep into one another's eyes, and talk.

I may tell you something about the fun of chasing a tennis ball, or I may tell you something profound about myself, or even life in general. You decided to have me in your life because you wanted a soul to share such things with. Someone very different from you, and here I am. I am a dog, but I am alive. I feel emotion, I feel physical senses, and I can revel in the differences of our spirits and souls. I do not think of you as a "Dog on two feet" - I know what you are. You are human, in all your quirkiness, and I love you still.

Now, come sit with me, on the floor. Enter my world, and let time slow down if only for 15 minutes. Look deep into my eyes, and whisper to my ears. Speak with your heart, with your joy and I will know your true self. We may not have tomorrow, and life is oh so very short.

Author J.D. Ellis



ARTICLES cont'd on next page



ARTICLES (CONT'D)



This is great advice to consider when choosing a stud dog.

by Richard G. (Rick) Beauchamp:

“Show Dogs and Stud Dogs”

A stud dog is not simply a male dog. Neither do show records or championships have anything to do with a dog's producing ability. Winning in the show ring proves the dog has the quality necessary to win. Siring outstanding offspring is the only thing that proves a sire's ability. These are two entirely different qualities. A dog can be a truly great show dog and a poor sire. A dog can hate the show ring and never win a point and be an outstanding sire. It is just as simple as that.

The biggest mistake breeders, novice or veteran, can make is to confuse their show dogs with their breeding dogs. They can be the same. We hope they will be the same. Often they are not. There are those who say show wins are the indicator of a dog's value to the breed. In other words, if many judges agree a particular dog is the current ideal in its breed, the dog should be bred to. I agree - but only to a degree.

You can get every judge in the country to agree that the dog of the hour is the dog of the hour, but that same dog can be a complete disappointment in the breeding department. If a dog's quality is not realized in the whelping box, all we have is a box full of ribbons and nothing more. This is not to say a winning dog cannot also be an outstanding producer. Records prove otherwise. But I cannot stress strongly enough that it is the producing ability that must be looked to and not the show record!

Even the outstanding sire can be misused. Most breeds have had those truly wonderful show dogs who develop records that become the envy of one and all. Unfortunately, they become the envy of too many who feel if a dog is good enough to win every award in sight, it must be good enough to breed every bitch in sight.

In a way, the popular stud dog that produces well only with certain bitch lines can be very destructive to a breed. A few excellent youngsters emerge from the right combination and the parade begins. Every bitch that can see lightning and hear thunder is bred to the dog, but the percentage of quality produced is minuscule. The breed takes a big step backward.

This is actually not the fault of the sire, but of the owners of the many bitches who follow the parade to the popular sire, regardless of the fact that he would in fact be the last choice for their particular bitch. Truly great sires are really few and far between. There's an old saying I heard somewhere along the way that goes something like, "You can breed that one to a fence post and you'll still get good pups." They are the rare ones, the ones that any breed is lucky to have, but it is highly doubtful that any breed will have such a dog any more than once in any breeder's lifetime.

This no doubt all sounds perfectly logical, but I could write whole books on the excuses young breeders make for not breeding to the correct dog for their bitch: snow storms, rain storms, typhoons and earthquakes; the correct dog's third cousin lives down the street; it's just her first season and I'm "proving" her; etc., etc., etc.

There is only one breeding worth making - the right one. When it comes time to breed your quality bitch, stop and think, what if this turns out to be the only litter she will ever have!"





MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2018

Sec Report: Reviewed items that came up at last BOD including our \$500 gift to Take the Lead and \$500 to Animal Rescue League of Berks County

Members welcome to put litter listings on Facebook. Go to Facebook and write your listing on the KLRC page and one reviewed it will go up. Also you can put other items up and upon review we will add to the page

Lehigh Show Supported Entry: We decided not to support the entry there any more. We couldn't get good judges or participation.

We are looking for other ideas on shows to support including Valley Forge and Somerset shows

No need to make a decision on this immediately and we can take our time.

Trophy Committee: Nancy filled in for Mickie today. List of trophy donations stays the same if you want to contribute again please send to Mickie. Edie will put this on the FB page as well.

We hope to continue with Waterford trophies if we can get to the gift show

Conformation match: We decided to push this to later in the year as we are front loaded in the year

OB match: Karen is unable to run it this year and Jody has agreed to take the lead with Brett to help get the entry system set up.

Edie will work with Wilson to get a PayPal account for the club. Brett will help.

We are going to pursue getting licensed to hold OB trials. Karen is looking in to the A match to get us approved.

We are still going to have the Annual Meeting at the match in March. Match is at K9 Jym in Colmar

Bronx KC: Judge is Sven Slettdal from Norway

We will do the prizes for WD, WB BOB and best puppy. They give us \$3 an entry

Jan 13th will be the next General Membership meeting at the Tarleton School and the slate of new BOD will be announced and any nominations can be made at that time.

Recognition Dinner: Edie and Mickie and Rocco and Shirley will work on this. Looking at April 14th

Bucks KC: Mary Ann and Jody will take over the lunch, Keri Schooler is the judge and hopefully Shirley Spinelli will do sweeps

Elections: President and Treasurer and 2 slots for director are up (Terri and Kathy)

Edie will be the nominating committee



MINUTES cont'd on next page

MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES (CONT'D)

Terri would like to stay on

Kathy has asked to step down.

If you are interested in being on the board, please let Edie know.

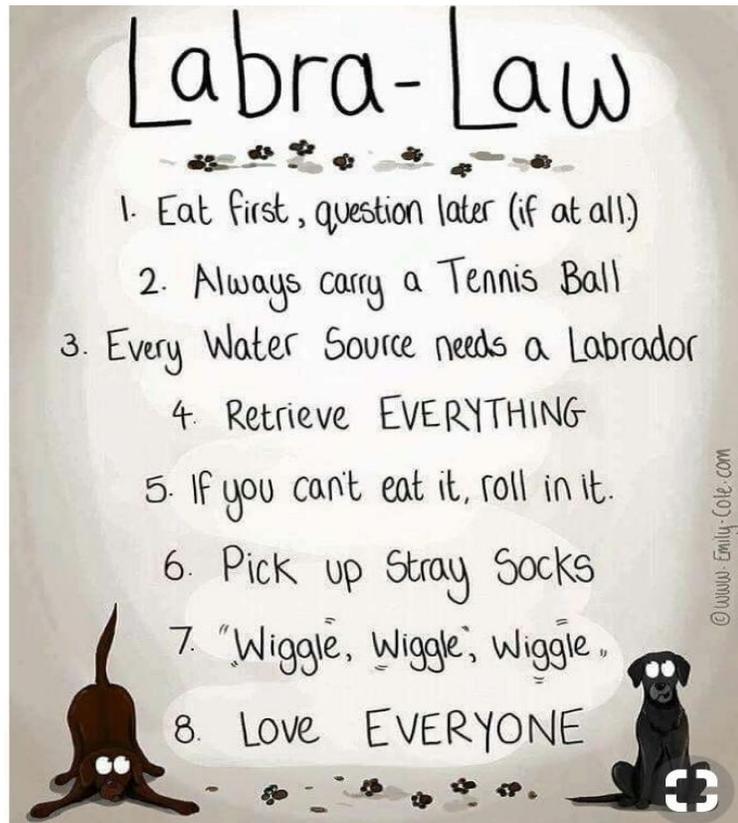
Licensing: We are now licensed and can host a specialty along side of an all breed club. We will be checking with Bucks to see what they will give us or take away if we do a specialty.

Canine Learning Experience: We will no longer participate in this. Edie will write to Beth Kampmeier and Sherri Matheis to let them know.

Newsletter: Kathy is going to continue to do this and will do Spring and Fall Newsletter. New members will send a questionnaire with responses to Georgann and she will pass along to Kathy.

Website: Let Sara Thornton know if you have anything for litter listings.

Submitted by Edie Castor





FEATURE



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



let's welcome Julie McKeever to KLRC!!



Julie was asked a few questions so we could get to know her better.

1. How long have you been into LABS? I grew up with Labs (3) but moved to Rottweilers when I went out on my own.

2. Tell us about your first lab! Well my first lab was when I was a little girl but I'll tell you about Dutch... my first lab as a big girl. Dutch is only 15 months old but he's an old soul. I work at 2 veterinary practices and he has come with me to one his entire life. He's the front desk attraction every night I work. No one can believe he's really just a puppy. He is chill, sweet, silly and smart. Loves people and his mama! I call him butter b/c he melts whenever you love him. He LOVES to swim and loves the neighborhood kids. They knock on the door to play with Dutch ;) He really is just happy to be alive and in turn makes you happy

to share this life with him. He's my constant therapy and calm. He's up to any task I give him and has really taken on being a good friend to my foster dogs. I feel very blessed.

3. Are you a breeder? If so, what is your kennel name? Not a breeder

4 How many labs do you have currently and what are their names and ages? I have 8 dogs – only one Lab - Dutch! Ivyline Leading Ladies Man CGC. DN – Therapy Dog with Comfort Caring Canines. He's 15 months.

5. What was your main reason for wanting to join our club? I love being involved in dog clubs and love the breed. Looking forward to getting to know people and seeing what fun things there are to do with my boy. My very good friends Mickie and Nancy recommended this club highly. I am also a member of the Colonial Rottweiler Club.



FEATURE continued on next page



FEATURE (CONT'D)



Julie continues:

6. **What has been one of your greatest achievements in the sport?** Personally – passing our therapy dog certification at 1 year old was a HUGE achievement for us. When I brought him home I knew he was going to make an amazing partner, I just didn't know it would be so young. He's already spreading so much joy and love to Fox Chase Cancer Center I am beyond proud! We will be moving onto rally and obedience but therapy work is my passion.

Feel free to add any other information that you feel comfortable sharing about you and your labs.

It's funny. I've always loved Mickie and Nancy's labs. They use my pool, we have done therapy visits together and when I found out Mickie's male sired a litter I couldn't wait to watch them grow. I joked about a yellow male.... Which I've ALWAYS wanted. So they were born, I loved seeing the pictures and always "liked" the one yellow boy's picture. Then I got a phone call about this sweet, extremely calm and laid back yellow male. They wanted to show him, but he'd make a great therapy dog someday.... DID I want to meet him? I had a ton of dogs already through rescue – all but one 8 years plus. My young male Rottweiler really needed a buddy. Plus my first therapy dog was 15 ½ and my pack leader, my teacher and mentor. Could she mentor one more puppy for me? We went to meet him and that sealed the deal. He is everything and more than I expected. I foster special needs dogs mostly and this young pup has thrived at welcoming them and being their buddy. His stable, calm manner has been a gift to my pack. I am looking forward to many, many years together.

WELCOME JULIE!!!





NOTICES



Next Club Meetings

**General Member's Meeting will be held on
January 13, 2019 at the Tarleton School.**

AND

**Next General Member's Meeting will be held on
March 9, 2019 at the K9 JYM.**



Don't forget to visit our club website at www.keystoneirc.com

or on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/KeystoneLRC

Hello KLRC Members,

For those of you who have websites, would you consider putting the KLRC club logo on your website and link it to the Club's website. It would help build the Club's web presence. Thank you.

— Georgann Syphard