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Summer 2016

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On June 25, 2016, the Keystone Labrador Retriever Club held its very first Working Certificate(WC) Event. What a great accomplishment for KLRC and those club members who ran their dogs. This WC event was the culmination of several Fun Field Days, at which times the dogs and owners/handlers practiced the various requirements for the WC Test.

The actual WC Test involved one land retrieve at 50 yards and two back to back water retrieves to establish the dog's willingness to reenter the water. Steadiness at the line is not required nor is the dog required to deliver to hand. The point of the test is also to establish that the dog is not gun-shy.

These days were both a learning experience for the dogs, as well as the owners. It was fun watching the dogs and owners enjoy what labs are bred to do.

A special thanks to Joanne Summers for conducting the WC test and running the Fun Field Days; to Karen Vare for coordinating all these days for the club members; to Rocco & Shirley Spinelli, and John Sebalusky for winging birds; and to Nancy Guerrini, Mickie Kelly and Sue Bauman for photographing these events.

Having completed the first WC test, the Club will begin planning for another one for the Fall. There will be notification forthcoming as to the future dates and times for both the Fun Field days and the WC.

Looking forward to having more members sign up for the next series of Field Days and WC. Hope to see you there.

Georgann Syphard



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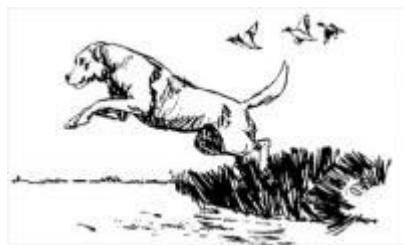
Submitted by Kathy LaFrana:

Whisperingpines Zen's Magic Spell, BN, RN, CGC (Mello), earned his AKC Companion Dog title at 3 consecutive Trials held at the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac's 2016 Specialty on April 12-14 in Frederick, MD.



Last minute news:

Mello also earned his Working Certificate (WC) at our club's first WC Test on June 25th.



Submitted by Nanci Alldred:

Dover earned his CD title on May 14th at the Philadelphia Dog Training Club show in Colmar.



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Submitted by Jacqui Hartranft

Sundog's DJ Abbey of Stoney Hollow earned her Canine Good Citizen title on June 23 at the Macungie Park. We attended a Manners and Canine Good Citizen Class at the Allentown Dog Training Club where I am a member, finishing up by passing the Canine Good Citizen test. I am hoping this will be the start of many more obedience titles for my little girl.



Submitted by Nancy Guerrini

Stoli earned his Carting Started (CS) title with a 2nd place on May 8th at the Colonial Rottweiler Club Carting trial.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Show N Go All Breed/Mixed Breeds
Obedience & Rally Match
Scheduled and time d by Pre-Entry Only

Saturday July 23, 2016

K9 Jym, Colmar, PA

\$10 per entry

Closing date July 16, 2016

Any questions contact Karen Vare via e-mail svare@comcast.net
We are offering 4 rings in the same room starting at 8:30 am

Handler's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Dog's Name & Breed: _____

Jump Height: _____

Obedience:

Novice: _____

Open: _____

Utility: _____

Beginner Novice: _____

Rally:

Novice: _____

Advanced: _____

Excellent: _____

Please fill out a separate entry for each dog

Send entries to:

Karen Vare

1101 DeKalb Pike

Blue Bell, PA 19422

Make Checks payable to KLRC

If you need to be notified by mail please include a SASE.



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JERSEY SKYLANDS LRC, INC.

presents our 2016

Back-to-Back Specialties*

**Friday, September 2nd and
Saturday, September 3rd, 2016***

Enter in conjunction with Newton Kennel Club

Sussex County Fairgrounds, 37 Plains Road, Augusta, NJ
Labrador tent & rings will be set apart from the all-breed show.

Friday, September 2, 2016

*Janet Farmilette (Mijan) ~ Reg. Dog, Bitch, & Non-reg. Classes
Karen Day (Daycamp) ~ Veteran & Puppy Sweeps*

Saturday, September 3, 2016

*Nancy Talbott (Belgold) ~ Reg. Dog, Bitch, & Non-reg. Classes
Marilyn Meewes (Danbridge) ~ Veteran & Puppy Sweeps*

~ Don't miss our supported entry ~

Thursday, September 1, 2016*

Judge: Michael Wiest (Beechcroft)

Enter in conjunction with the Kennel Club of Northern NJ

Come join us for our famous raffle and warm hospitality!

Please come prepared to provide suitable care for your dogs appropriate for the summer weather.

CLOSING DATE: AUGUST 17, 2016

Superintendent: MB-F, Inc.

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**Pending AKC approval*

IN MEMORIAM

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Emmett of Stoney Hollow UD VER GN RE CGC passed away May 4, 2016 and we are devastated. Two years ago he lost his right leg due to osteosarcoma. He was immediately re-tired from AKC obedience competition. We had been working on his UDX (utility dog excellent title) and his Obedience master title. He also had accumulated 12 OTCH points. But most important he beat osteosarcoma living far beyond what was the projected life span even after amputation and chemo. He was cancer free two years up until this month. He beat osteosarcoma but sadly another cancer, called Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia, quickly took his life at the age of 11 1/2 years. He took us on a journey I could have never imagined 11 years ago when he was my foster dog who we decided to adopt. We did things and went places I never imagined we would do and go including last year when we drove to Purina Farms in Missouri to accept his award for being named one of the AKC 2014 TOP 25 OBEDIENCE LABRADORS IN THE COUNTRY. He touched so many lives with his bravery, talent, honesty, willingness and love. I am just finding out now, how much he was admired although I knew all along what kind of boy he was.

This was a dog on death row scheduled to be killed in a Tennessee shelter when a Labs4Rescue volunteer rescued him. I often wish I could meet his former people who ever they are and tell them what they threw away. He is now running free and healthy over the Bridge with his sisters and brothers, cousins and all his other friends who have gone on before him.. Run Free Dear Emmie, Run Free.

Thanks so much for taking the time to read about my dear boy.

Jacqui Hartranft



FEATURE

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to our Member Spotlight. Each newsletter will help you get to know one member of KLRC. This month we get to meet :

BRETT AMDOR

My name is Brett Amdor. My wife, Tawnya, and I are excited to become members of Keystone Labrador Club. I am the IT and Business Solutions Director for a marketing and advertising company in Horsham, while my wife is the Client Services Director of an email marketing automation company in Lancaster. We have 2 wonderful teenage children, Wyatt (18) and Abigail (15) who swim competitively. In fact Wyatt will be swimming for the University of Kentucky in the fall and the future looks bright for our daughter. We currently love and enjoy our 3 chocolate labs, Mocha (12), Mousse (10), and Cadbury (2). Cadbury has been taking lessons at the Suburban Dog training center with the hopes of her becoming a Canine Good Citizen in the near future and perhaps even competing in Obedience.

The whole world of showing and competing in the ring was foreign to us a year ago. However, after spending a fair amount of time researching, attending shows, and getting to know the people involved we decided to take our love of Labradors to the next level. We are hoping to get our first confirmation show quality dog this fall and competing as soon as eligible.

We cannot wait to see what the future holds for both our 2 and 4 legged kids.

Thanks for being so welcoming and we look forward to learning, getting to know our fellow members, and participating in the KLRC events!



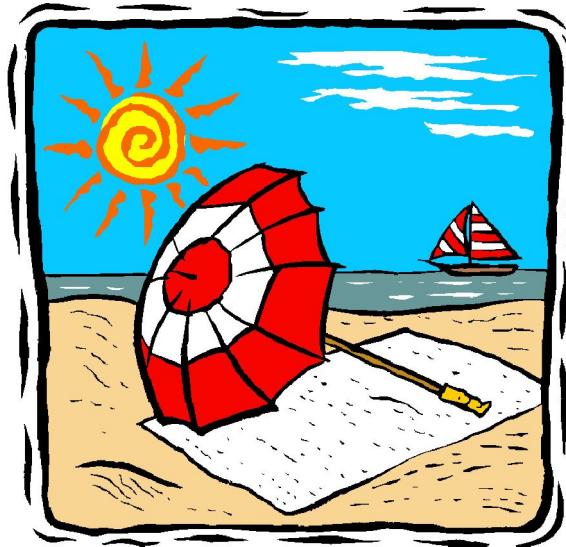
Hot Weather Pet Peeve

Submitted by Sara Thornton DVM

I have a pet peeve. Well, to be honest, I have a few of them. But this particular one bothers me more at this time of year. You see, there is a lot of press about the dangers of leaving your pet in the car, water safety for pets, keeping pets well hydrated in the hot weather, etc. But my pet peeve gets very little attention. Have you guessed it yet? It's walking your dog on hot asphalt, pavement, sand, whatever.

I get worked up when I see people casually strolling on a sidewalk with their canine companion next to them when it is sunny and warm. It seems most people are clueless how hot the ground can be. For example, when the air temperature is 77 degrees, asphalt in the sun is about 125 degrees!!! Metal, sand, cement and other surfaces can really heat up. People wear shoes. Dogs rarely have foot protection.

Keep your pet's health and comfort first. Before taking your pet to an outdoor festival, walk on the beach, or drive for an ice cream, consider how hot it is outside and how comfortable your pet will be.



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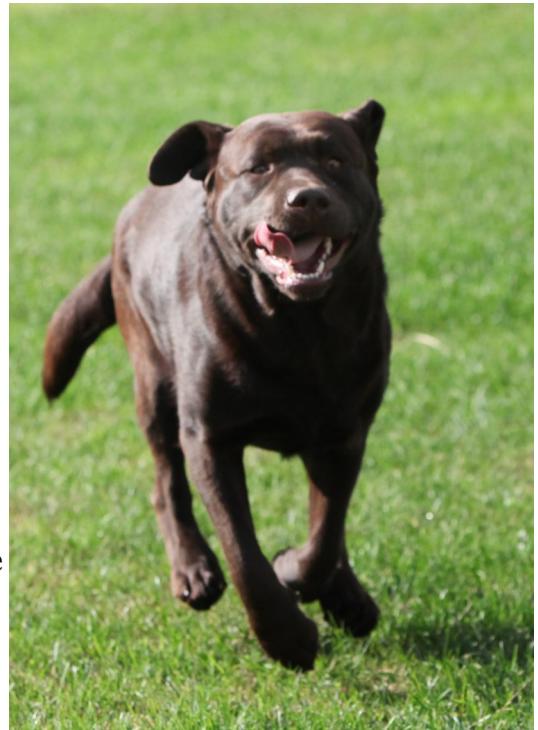
Submitted by Sara Thornton, DVM

May 15, 2016 was a busy weekend with Orchid. At over three and a half years of age, Orchid is becoming a beautiful, gentle dog with her own special personality. Yesterday, Orchid and I went to Fun Field Day with the Keystone Labrador Retriever Club. It was a lovely day: a great day to spend with friends and the dogs we all love.

The day started off well. Orchid and I went up for our turn at the land retrieve. Orchid has very good manners, waiting quietly until the “gun” blasts and she is sent to retrieve the bird. She did well on running out to get the duck and coming right back and delivering it to my hand. Good job, Orchid. Repeat. I was very happy with her performance.

She had another practice session on the land retrieves before the focus moved to the water. Last time we practiced at this location, she had not liked the edges of this particular pond. It's very muddy and soft. Again, we went to our spot. The gun went off, the bird thrown and I sent her to retrieve. Well, that didn't go well. She started out, objected to the mud and turned around to come back. I tried again. She then decided to trot on the pond bank to see if she could find a better spot. Not ideal, but, it was something. There was no spot that met her expectations, so she turns and thought it might be time to head back to the car. So, I trotted after her and caught her by the collar and led her back to the pond. At that point, I decided I really needed to convince her to go in. I refuse to be harsh. She is a good dog and deserves kindness. So, we both went in. I immediately sunk to my knees in the smelly, nasty mud. That was all it took. She swam out and successfully completed her retrieve. I miraculously made it out of the pond, very glad no one had a camera.

I wish I could say it was all smooth sailing after that. It wasn't. I continued to have to convince her to go in the water for several more tries. She made improvements for sure. My pride was damaged, my shoes and jeans were soaked, but we got through it and I try to remember that dogs are not robots. They have their likes and dislikes and she did everything else I asked her to do that day.



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Today was a different activity. It was a Rally Obedience competition. It was Orchid's first try at a Rally Excellent course. I always get apprehensive, sure that we did not train often enough or hard enough. I need not have been worried. Orchid was amazing, going through the tough course with ease. Many of the dogs before her had gotten distracted, but she was right on target going through the pattern of obstacles. She won her class! I am always proud of my dogs. In this case I was also a bit proud of myself for making the right decision at the pond to work WITH my dog and not use aversive methods to make her do my bidding. In the long run it paid off; I got her in the pond and I still had a trusting, happy dog to show the following day.

(photo of Orchid on previous page by RoxAnn Franklin)



SIGHTING!

WHO IS THIS CUTE
YELLOW BOY?



ANSWER: Nacci Alldred's Ransom

NOTEWORTHY ARTICLES

PRA TESTING

Submitted by Sara Thornton DVM

Over thirteen years ago, a much needed test for Progressive Retinal Atrophy in Labrador Retrievers became available from Optigen. If a dog inherits two copies of the mutated gene that causes the disease, it will slowly lose its eyesight until it is completely blind. As the test became more widely used, the incidence of PRA could potentially be eliminated.

As the owner of an old Lab that holds the title of Champion, JH, and CD who was retired at the age of four due to PRA, I have a personal interest in proper testing. My dog Twinkle has spent the majority of her life blind now. I am a believer in genetic testing.

Recently, other companies joined Optigen in offering various DNA tests. Three years ago, Paw Prints Genetics started up, offering a PRA test for Labradors at a lower price. On investigation, I discovered it was not testing for the same mutation. The RPGRIP1 insertion tested for was not known to be a problem in Labs. This finding concerned me. Breeders unknowingly could utilize this test and with normal results, consider their dog free of PRA.

The good news is that as of March 2016, the test offered by Paw Print Genetics is for the PRCD c.5G>A mutation, the primary disease causing mutation; the test offered has an exclusive sublicense from Optigen. DDC also now offers a test for this mutation. It does not have a sublicense.

So what's the difference between tests now? Maybe none. Maybe a lot. Only Optigen meets International standards. That is the highest level of quality. While the other laboratories are capable of performing the PRA test, reliability of results could be a factor. Breeders have to decide for themselves what company to utilize.

- At the time of this writing, Optigen is offering a 40% discount with code GRLAB16
- Also at this time Paw Prints is offering a discount on panels



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NOTEWORTHY ARTICLES (CONT'D)



CLINICAL TRIAL FOR DOGS WITH SPLENIC HEMANGIOSARCOMA

Hemangiosarcoma is a type of cancer that arises from cells that line blood vessels. It most commonly occurs in the spleen, liver, or the right side of the heart. Many dogs with hemangiosarcoma show no signs until the tumor ruptures, at which time they often need emergency surgery to stop the bleeding. Despite surgery and follow-up chemotherapy, most dogs develop metastatic disease and die within 6-9 months of diagnosis.

Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) is a growth factor that may contribute to the spread and growth of hemangiosarcoma. Dr. Nicola Mason is conducting a clinical trial evaluating the safety and efficacy of an antibody therapy designed to inhibit VEGF and delay or prevent spread of the disease after surgery.

For this trial, we are looking for dogs with splenic hemangiosarcoma who have recently had surgery to remove the spleen. Eligible dogs are otherwise healthy with no evidence of metastatic disease, and intend to undergo follow-up chemotherapy. If your dog is eligible, the trial will pay for your dog's chemotherapy as well as administration of the trial drug or placebo. For more information, please contact Dr. Martha MaloneyHuss (215 898 6289 or martham@upenn.edu).



A WC TEST THANK YOU!

Thank you everyone for a lovely day and a successful WC test.

Joanne Summers, thank you for all your time and effort instructing all of us, it is deeply appreciated.

To John Sebalusky, Rocco and Shirley Spinelli, thank you for coming and working in the sun to send the birds and using the air guns, without you the day would have been much longer.

To all of you who participated in the WC, you are now part of a history making event for KLRC, congratulations.

To Nancy Guerrini, Mickie Kelly, and Sue Bauman, thank you for standing in the sun to take photos to document this event.

Looking forward to seeing you out in the field soon.

— Karen Vare



THANK YOU!

Bucks County Raffle 2016

Keystone LRC would like to thank the Club members, Businesses and Handlers who made donations to our raffle at the Bucks County Kennel Club Show May 7, 2016. The raffle was very successful. Please try to remember those who supported us.

Donations from Businesses

BC Braidz
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Primo Pads
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Norman Grenier
Laura Kieffer
Fabian Negron
Katie Shepard
Lisa Sobosz

Donations from Club Members

Mickie Kelly
Joanne Summers
Georgann Syphard
Sara Thornton
Pete and Anne Tyler
Karen Vare

Thank you to everyone for helping us make this Raffle a success.

Karen Vare and Georgann Syphard

BUCKS COUNTY KC SHOW



Supported Entry

Report

May 7, 2016

On Saturday, May 7th 2016, Key-stone LRC, once again, supported the entry at the Bucks County KC Dog Show. The judge for Sweepstakes was Steve Trojak , Stormy C Labradors, and the regular class judge was Diann Sullivan, Cedarwoods Labradors. The entries were among the highest that the Club has had, since supporting the entry at Bucks.



Sweepstakes Winners

Results:

Best of Breed: CH. Shadowbrook's Light on My Feet owned by M. Silva

Best of Opposite: GCH. Bellwether Paradoxs Valley Vista owned by T.Barks

Winners Dog: Pondview Hawksmoor Jazz Man owned by C. Mousseau & K.Perry

Winners Bitch: Harbor Run's All for Leyna at Russford owned by C. Von Hagn

Best in Sweepstakes: Jurasic Park Bella Mare RN DN owed by A.Robertson

Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes: Shadowbrook's Creator of the Whistle Stop Cafe owned by M. Silva



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BUCKS COUNTY KC SHOW (CONT'D)

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The Club also supported the entries in Obedience with trophies and prizes.

All results for both the Conformation and Obedience can be found on Infodog's website.

Once again, the Raffle was a huge success, due to all the outstanding donations from vendors and handlers. The lunch was delicious as always.

Everyone had a great time and the club received many compliments regarding the show, the raffle, the trophies and the lunch.

An added plus this year was the placement of the club tent in full view of the ring and reserved parking behind the tent.

Thanks again to all the members who contributed their time and effort, we couldn't have done it without you!

Looking forward to another great show, next year. See you there!

— Georgann



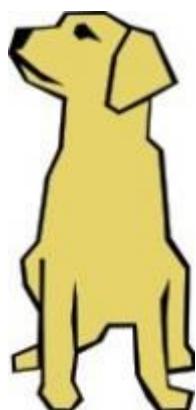
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BUCKS COUNTY KC SHOW (CONT'D)

WINNERS



All BUCKS Photos courtesy of Edie Castor



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Next Club Meetings

Next Board Meeting - August 6th, Wegmans at 9:00am

Next General Member's Meeting - November 6th, at Tarlton School



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

or on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/KeystoneLRC

