

# TOP LINES

KEYSTONE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB

## *Spring / Summer 2021*

### 2021 Officers:

**President:** Karen Vare

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**Obedience/Rally:** Karen Vare  
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**Field Day:** Karen Vare (Chair)

**Judges:** Georgann Syphard (Chair)

**Hospitality:** Jody Parisi and Mar-  
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Shober

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**AKC Relationship Coordinator:**  
Club Secretary

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**Newsletter Editor:** Kathy LaFrana;  
email:vixenscup@yahoo.com

**Facebook:** Edie Castor

**Annual Dinner:** Mickie Kelly

**Nominating:** Terri Shober

**Photographer:** Jody Parisi

## President's Message

Hello KLRC members,

Our lives are beginning to normalize with all of us being vaccinated. We can finally look forward to participating in and **attending** dog shows and events. It was so nice seeing so many members at the Bryn Mawr Kennel Club shows in June.

I am hoping we can now start to schedule some of our own club events. November 7<sup>th</sup> is our general meeting, if all goes well, we will be able to meet at the Tarleton school, if that is not possible, we will hold a Zoom meeting. In December we will have our supported entry with the Valley Forge Kennel Club. For 2022, we will have our supported entry in March at the Bronx show, the Annual Banquet in April, and the Bucks supported entry in May. It is important that we offer events that are of interest to our club members. So please send me your thoughts for events or presentations that would be of interest to you. Different events are what keep us coming together and spending time enjoying our dogs and spending time with each other.

Wishing you all a safe Summer and looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Karen Vare

KLRC President



BRAGS! BRAGS! BRAGS! BRAGS! BRAGS! BRAGS!

Submitted by Nancy Schaetzke:

DeSoleil's Maplewood RN CGCA TKN RA - (Maple) : had 7 healthy puppies on May 1, 2021. All spoken for!



So Cute!!!



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Submitted by Nanci Alldred:

After 3 years out of the ring due to his shoulder and elbow issues, Ransom finally finished his beginner novice and novice titles recently. For a long time I thought this never would happen but thanks to a great team of Doctors, physical therapists, friends and family support and his determination, he did it!

On 5/2 Ransom completed his Beginner novice title with a score of 199 and first place at the Harrisburg Shetland Sheepdog trail in Red Lion PA.



On 6/13 Ransom completed his Novice title with a score of 197 and first place at the Wilmington Kennel Club show in Wilmington. The day before 6/12 he also finished first with a score of 198. All 3 legs for this title were first place finishes!



We are also spending weekends at the beach this summer so adding a few shots of our "summer vacation". Early morning swim time in North Wildwood .



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A visit to the Seaport Aquarium on the Wildwood boardwalk :



Dover has decided that relaxing is the best way to spend time!



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Submitted by Nancy Guerrini:

KENZIE - female black lab, 17 months

Owners - Nancy Guerrini and Mickie Kelly

Kenzie earned her Dock Senior title on 6/25/2021 at Sunshine Diving Dogs. She earned an invite to the NADD Regionals by taking first place in the Junior Division at the AKC Freehold show qualifier - North-east Regional Dock.



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Submitted by Stephanie Wolfinger:

So the Wolfpack had a good weekend on June 19 and 20, 2021..

Secret won WB/BOW both days Saturday and Sunday for her first major. At the Ludwigs Corner shows.



Gilbert and Nittany did great as new puppies in the show ring. They are Prada x Clyde puppies.



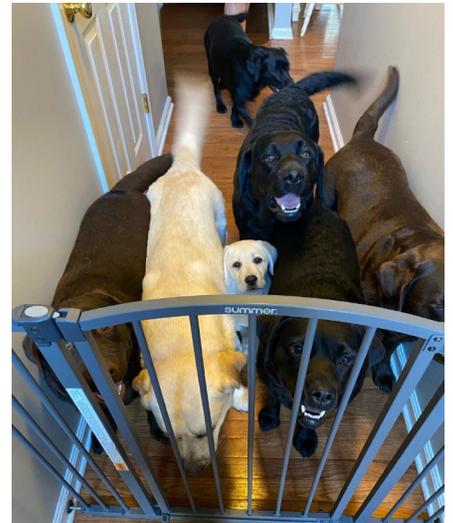
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I finished my certification in canine and feline pet nutrition. So now I'm a Pet Nutritionist.



We have a new Wolfpack member her name is Kampmeier's Mango Crush @Wolfpack.





**IN MEMORIAM**



**Canvasback's Shot of Stoli Gold CDX, RE, DJA, DS,  
TKI, TKA, TKN, CGC, CS, WC**

2/24/12 - 6/14/21

My boy, Stoli, lost his battle with cancer after a valiant fight, and he crossed the rainbow bridge the afternoon of 6/14/2021. I am heart broken. Aside from doing obedience/rally, confirmation and his therapy dog work, Stoli opened up new venues for me with Dock Diving and nose work. We have met a lot of wonderful people and made new friends along the way. He was my "go to" boy, he was up for doing anything I asked him to do. He especially loved doing anything with water. We'll miss his antics and his silly behavior, along with his loyalty and devotion. I loved stepping into the obedience ring with him and seeing how happy he was to be standing next to me. I loved how he was always happy to greet people and would get excited when he saw them. Fly high my sweet boy. - Nancy Guerrini





**UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS**

**General Membership Meeting**  
**ZOOM or Tarleton School TBD**  
**Sunday, November 7, 2021**  
**(More info to come via email)**



**Mid-Jersey Labrador Retriever Club Invites  
KLRC to a Field Training Day with Bridget Bodine  
Decoverly Kennels, Factoryville, PA.**

**The cost will be \$40 per dog.**

**Date is Aug 7, 2021.**

**If you are interested in attending, please contact Jody Parisi  
directly at [jodypar@verizon.net](mailto:jodypar@verizon.net). She will coordinate every-  
thing for you.**



**VFKC Winter Blast Cluster**  
**KLRC Supported Entry**  
**December 11, 2021**

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**UPCOMING OTHER EVENTS (CONT'D)**



**LRCP Fall HUNT TEST  
September 11 & 12, 2021  
Shady Grove Kennel, Hunting Preserve &  
Sporting Clays  
11986 Lucky Hill Road  
Remington, Virginia 227634**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

**TWO LRCP, INC. BARE BONES SPECIALITY SHOWS,  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LRC NATIONAL WEEK!  
*WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021*  
*THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021***

**CLASS & INTERSEX JUDGES:**

**PHILIPPE LAMMENS**

**JAN ROGER SAUGE**

**SWEEPSTAKES JUDGES:**

**RACHAEL LENAUS**

**PEDRO OLVERA**

**Obedience and Rally Judges:**

**Nancy Withers**

**Cheryl Pratt**



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## UPCOMING OTHER EVENTS (CONT'D)



# K-9 Fun Day

**Saturday, July 17**  
**Waterworks Park**  
**220 W First Ave, Trappe PA**

**Don't Miss at Same Site**

**Delaware Valley Hound Association 'A' Match**  
**Rat Terrier Club of Montgomery County PA 'A' Match**

### Conformation Match (AKC Sanctioned)

Where	When	What	Who	Notes	
Ring 1	10:00	Jr Show	Libby Naimo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ACTUAL START TIMES MAY BE LATER (NOT EARLIER) AND WILL DEPEND UPON ENTRY IN PREVIOUS GROUP(S)</b></li> <li>Breeds are judged alphabetically in each group. The breed order and number of dogs in each breed within the group will be posted ringside 5 minutes before the start of the judging for that group.</li> <li>Group judging (puppy then adult) will occur after completion of the breed judging for that group.</li> <li>Best Puppy in Match and then Best Adult in Match will be judged after completion of all group judging.</li> <li>Classes...  <u>Puppies:</u> 3-6mo, 6-9mo, 9-12mo; <u>Adults:</u> Novice, Open  <u>Jr Show:</u> 6-8yrs, 9-11yrs, 12-14yrs, 15-18yrs</li> </ul>	
	10:15	Sporting	Libby Naimo		
	10:45	Terriers	Deirdre Rahn		
Ring 2	10:15	Toys	Deirdre Petrie		
	10:45	Hounds	Deirdre Petrie		
	11:15	Non-Sporting	Deirdre Petrie		
Ring 3	10:30	Herding	Scott Sensenig		
	11:00	Working	Sue Bani		
Best Puppy in Match ..... Deirdre Petrie					
Best Adult in Match ..... Deirdre Rahn					

#### \*\*\* HOW TO ENTER \*\*\*

#### PRE-ENTRY

- Each regular entry \$10  
Jr Showmanship \$5 or FREE as 2<sup>nd</sup> entry
- Enter online at [www.ValleyForgeKC.org/funday](http://www.ValleyForgeKC.org/funday)
- ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 14 at 5:00PM

#### DAY-OF-MATCH ENTRY

- Each regular entry \$15  
Jr Showmanship \$8 or FREE as 2<sup>nd</sup> entry
- ENTRIES CLOSE 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED START TIME FOR EACH GROUP

#### Various Pesky Details

- Wins at this match carry no championship points.
- No dogs may be shown with taped ears. Poodles must be in show clip.
- Professional handlers may show their own dogs and/or dogs owned by members of their immediate family ONLY.
- Major-pointed dogs may compete.
- Miscellaneous class breeds will show in their assigned future group.
- Valley Forge Kennel Club reserves the right to make changes in the judging panel if necessary. The ring order will not change.
- All AKC rules and regulations concerning training and correction will be observed.

### Scent Work Run-Throughs

Where	When	What	Notes
Ring 5	8:45	AM Briefing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judge: Dianne Battis</li> <li><b>ENTRY LIMITED TO 30 RUN-THROUGHS FOR EACH SESSION</b></li> </ul>
	9:00	Novice Exterior Novice Container	
Ring 5	11:45	PM Briefing	
	12:00	Advanced Exterior Advanced Container	

#### \*\*\* HOW TO ENTER \*\*\*

#### PRE-ENTRY

- Each run-through \$10
- Enter online at [www.ValleyForgeKC.org/funday](http://www.ValleyForgeKC.org/funday)
- ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 14 at 5:00PM OR WHEN LIMIT IS REACHED

#### DAY-OF ENTRY

- Each run-through \$15
- ENTRIES CLOSE FOR EACH SESSION WHEN LIMIT IS REACHED

UPCOMING OTHER EVENTS (CONT'D)



# K-9 Fun Day

**Saturday, July 17**  
**Waterworks Park**  
**220 W First Ave, Trappe PA**

### Trick Dog Evaluations

Where	When	What	Notes
Ring 4	10:00	Novice Intermediate Advanced Performer Elite Performer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluator: Carol Fisher</li> <li>• No equipment will be provided</li> <li>• <b>ENTRY LIMITED TO 24 TESTS</b></li> </ul>

\*\*\* HOW TO ENTER \*\*\*

#### PRE-ENTRY

- Each test \$10
- Enter online at [www.ValleyForgeKC.org/funday](http://www.ValleyForgeKC.org/funday)
- ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 14 at 5:00PM OR WHEN LIMIT IS REACHED

#### DAY-OF ENTRY

- Each test \$15
- ENTRIES CLOSE WHEN LIMIT IS REACHED

### General Information

- COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS MUST BE OBSERVED. Masks must be worn correctly (bridge of nose to under chin) while in attendance at these events in proximity of other people. No bandanas or gators permitted. Social (physical) distancing of 6 feet minimum should always be maintained. Hand sanitizer will be available.
- PRE-ENTRIES OPEN AT 8:00AM JUNE 30.
- The park has many shady areas; however, rings may be in full sun.
- RAFFLES!!!
  - 50/50 cash raffle – need not be present to win
  - Gift basket
- Photographer will be available.
- Most vehicle parking will be on grass.
- Please bring your own chairs.
- No food or beverages will be sold on site. Various options are nearby where food and beverages are sold.
- Portable toilet available on site.
- No electricity available. No generators are permitted per park rules.
- Be courteous to those near your set-up. Clean up after yourself and your dog(s).

### Driving Directions

- From I-276W or I-76E (PA Turnpike): Take exit 326 (Valley Forge) to I-76E and continue per next.
- From I-76 (Schuylkill Expressway): Exit at US-422W and continue per next.
- From US-422W: Exit at Collegeville (PA-29). Turn right at light and continue per below.
- From US-422E: Exit at Collegeville Rd (PA-29). Turn left at light and continue per next.
- From PA-29 at US-422: Proceed 2.4 miles and turn left on Main Street (McDonald's on left). Proceed 1.1 miles through Ursinus College and turn left on W 1st Ave. Go 0.2 miles to entrance of park.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Visit [www.ValleyForgeKC.org/funday](http://www.ValleyForgeKC.org/funday)
- Contact Daemon Heckman at [heckmanda@comcast.net](mailto:heckmanda@comcast.net) or 484.636.7513



## ARTICLES



### Summer Should be Fun for Pets. Don't Spend it in the ER! Summer Safety Tips



We've all been enjoying getting out in the warmer weather; but the 20th of June being officially the first day of summer, it's going to start really heating up. Longer days mean more time outside with our furry companions; and dogs, like humans, are susceptible to the dangers of too much sun and heat.

**Overexposure** to the sun can lead to sunburn and even skin cancer in dogs. While some animals are somewhat naturally protected from the sun by either fur or pigmented skin, animals that have light-colored fur, minimal fur, no fur at all, or that have unpigmented (pink or white) skin are at a higher risk for sunburn. Many of the same precautions that we humans use also apply to our pets. Shade is our friend. Veterinary dermatologists agree that dogs' ears, abdomens, and noses are most affected by the sun. You can apply special pet sunscreen to your dog's exposed skin but be cautioned to never use the sunscreen that you use on yourself! Per the AKC, "SPF for your pup should be free of zinc oxide, PABA, and fragrance, and should be waterproof with a minimum SPF of 30." You can also purchase sun-protective clothing to put on your pup; and dogs that spend a lot of time outdoors, especially on the water, can benefit from goggles, which can protect their eyes from UV exposure. Bad cases of sunburn should always involve a visit to the vet because inflammation and secondary infections are possible.

Since our dog's paws are usually facing down and often have thick, darker skin, sunburn is not so much of a concern as **hot pavement or sand**. I'm sure we've all heard, "If it feels too hot for you to leave your hands comfortably on the ground for at least 10 seconds, it can result in nasty burns on your dog's paw pads." This is especially true if you have a new puppy with tender young paws. There are many helpful products, such as dog shoes, peel & stick pads, socks, paw wax, paw



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moisturizer, etc.; but if you can, perhaps the best advice is simply to walk when it's cool or stay on the grass. Be sure to check your dog's paw pads regularly for any signs of burns or damage and wash those paws frequently. If you do happen to see a problem, or if your dog is acting strangely on his feet, be sure to consult your vet.

If you're going to spend a significant amount of time outdoors, make sure to **keep your dog well-hydrated**. Bring along fresh water. A collapsible bowl is always good to keep handy. Hydration will keep your pup from being overheated. Because sunburn can also contribute to dehydration, it is extremely important to keep your dog hydrated when spending time outdoors in the sun. Drinking enough water won't so much prevent sunburn, but it can reduce other complications of sun exposure, like heat-related illnesses. And remember to clean the water bowl out on a regular basis, especially if it sits outside. Mold and bacteria can accumulate and make your dog sick.

**Dehydration and heatstroke** are very real threats, especially when the dog days of summer are upon us. As stated above, animals should always have fresh, clean water available, whether it's summer or the dead of winter. Dogs with dark fur or skin, animals that are overweight or ones that have thick coats are especially prone to heat stress. Watch out for these symptoms: excessive lethargy, decreased urination, dry gums, refusal to eat, sunken eyes, and decreased skin elasticity. Gently pinch your pup's skin near the shoulder up into the shape of a tent. If the skin is slow to snap back, your dog may be dehydrated. When you see symptoms, cool your dog and contact your vet ASAP. Don't worry if your dog pants. That's how they cool themselves. Though, the hotter they are, the more they'll pant. Ways to cool your pup include fans, ice packs, wet towels, frozen treats, ice cubes, kiddie pools, and sprinklers. Your kids and dogs will have a blast!

Last, but definitely not least, **never leave your dog in the car!** We've all heard that over and over, but it can be tempting to run into the store or office for just a minute. "I'll crack the windows and park in the shade. How hot could it get?" On an 85\* day, your car can reach as hot as 102\* in 10 minutes – 10 minutes! – and 120\* in 30 minutes! Even if the temperature outside is only 70\*, the inside of your car could be as much as 20\* hotter. It doesn't take long for our pets to succumb to the heat. They depend on us to make the smart decision.

**Be wise, be safe and enjoy your summer with your furry best friend(s)!!!**

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# SUMMER



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### Retirement With Labradors

By Sara Thornton, DVM

Lots of changes in my life in the last few years. Just over four years ago, I retired from competing with my Labradors. Instead, I chose to pursue becoming an American Kennel Club judge of Labrador Retrievers. Since then, I also wrapped up my Labrador breeding program. I donated or sold most of my puppy, obedience/rally and agility equipment. I had waaaaay too much of it all.



I have two dogs now. One is 8 year old Orchid, a champion with obedience/rally titles along with a WC, and the other is 5 year old Bling, only ever shown in the breed ring once as a puppy, but did title in obedience and rally when young. What do I do with them now? I focus on their lives as pets.

The biggest change for me was the sale of my veterinary practice in January. Having the free time to spend with my dogs, horses, cats and friends has been wonderful. One of the things I most look forward to is a daily walk with the dogs. Well, I walk, they run, sniff, swim and otherwise occupy themselves. Pretty much every day, they hop in the car for a drive someplace where they can run off leash and I can enjoy walking and watching them.



I am lucky to live in an area with state game lands, rails to trails walkways, nature trails, and a couple of gun clubs I belong to. My favorite places, or I should say, "our" favorite places are the ones with ponds and streams. Most of the time, I have wet dogs on the way home. I enjoy checking out the turtles and birds. They enjoy rolling in, eating and smelling, well, whatever.

One of the good things I realize about the time I put in training is that my dogs listen to me in pretty much any environment and with distractions. They pay no attention to other dogs or people since as soon as I notice either, I call them to heel and they oblige. Recalls on both dogs are very good to excellent. Orchid, in all honesty, never strays far from me. Bling will go out of sight frequently, but returns on a simple call of her name. On rare occasion she needs a second call. I do practice recalls on the trails to keep them tuned in to me. I also practice sits and stays...just in case it is ever needed.



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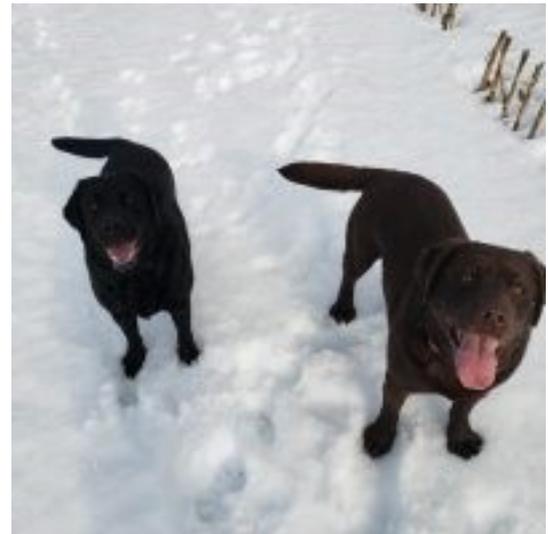


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In case one thinks these walks are obedience drills for Bling and Orchid, that is far from the case. The recalls and other exercises are fun based. And I do carry treats with me for the excellent responses.

I thought I would miss the competition that was so much a part of my life. I loved it. But the truth is, I love the dogs more. Soon, I have a weekend trip planned for a quick visit with a friend in western Pennsylvania. Instead of turning around and driving home, I decided to make a hotel reservation and make it a mini vacation with dogs to visit a state park out there. Labradors are wonderful companions for any stage of life.





## MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES



### General Membership Meeting

March 6, 2021 (Zoom Meeting)

Meeting called to order at 1:00pm

In attendance: Terri Shober, Bob Shober, Shirley Spinelli, Rocco Spinelli, Stephanie Wolfinger, Ann Tyler, Pete Tyler, Kathy LaFrana, Wilson Smith, Barbara Smith, Karen Vare, Georgann Syphard, Nancy Guerrini, Sara Thornton, Mlickie Kelly, Jody Parisi, Nancy Schaetzke

Secretary's Report/Minutes - Approved with one minor change, meeting began at 1:00pm instead of 9:00.

Treasurer's Report - The balance is \$8872. Insurance will be due in June. Membership dues are in and the membership total is 46. Thanked Wilson for his service as Treasurer to the Club.

Upcoming Activities - Cancelled - Supported entries at Bronx and Bucks, also the Annual Dinner. Looking toward this summer or early Fall to begin scheduling activities.

Newsletter - Kathy LaFrana did a great job with the latest newsletter. Keep sending her pictures, articles, updates, etc.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

2021 Elections Pres. -Karen Vare, Treasurer - Ann Tyler, Director - Terri Shober, Director - Shirley Spinelli . The slate was approved by all the members at the meeting.

Adjournment - 1:11pm. Board meeting to follow.





**Please Plan On Joining US!**

**General Member's Meeting**

**November 7, 2021 via ZOOM or at Tarleton School**



Don't forget to visit our club website at [www.keystonelrc.com](http://www.keystonelrc.com)

or on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/KeystoneLRC](https://www.facebook.com/KeystoneLRC)

A quote to remember....

"...He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion..." Unknown