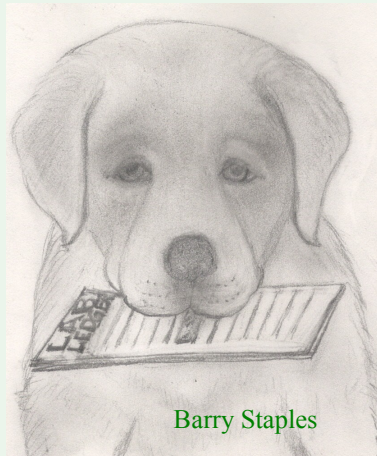


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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!!

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GALRC ANNOUNCES LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

For a limited time, GALRC will be accepting lifetime memberships. This is open to all current members in good standing. Lifetime membership dues will only be accepted from 8/1/10 through 10/31/10.

Individual- \$225.00

Family-\$250.00

Regular Annual dues will be due 11/1/10. Individual-\$20.00

Family- \$25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

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Please send dues to:

Kristine Hampson
919 Mountain Top Dr
Marietta, GA 30062

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GALRC WEBSITE

The GALRC website is getting a facelift thanks to member Jean McLain. Included in this revamping will be a new member breeder's directory. This will allow the public to locate breeders who are club members. To be included, please send the following information to Jean at jean@galrc.com, using the following format.

Kennel Name:

Contact Person:

Website:

Email Address:

Phone:

General Info: brief

Puppies Available: Dates – Yes/No – Frequency

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Canine Health Foundation News Alert

Van Andel Research Institute Launches New Canine Cancer Studies! Your Participation is Needed in the Collection of Tumor Samples [Tuesday, June 15, 2010]

The Van Andel Research Institute, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, received a "Grand Opportunities" (GO grant) from the National Institutes of Health. This is enabling the Institute to expand its canine cancer studies, which started with a project partially funded by the Canine Health Foundation investigating hemangiosarcoma in Clumber Spaniels 18 months ago, into a much broader research program. They are launching a new center of excellence in canine genetics and genomics. The first and most important program is the Canine Hereditary Cancer Consortium (CHCC), which is headed by Drs. Jeff Trent (TGen), Nick Duesbery (Van Andel Research Institute), and Paul Meltzer (National Cancer Institute/NIH). The program is an unprecedented alliance of scientists, veterinarians and physicians. Drs. Duesbery and Froman are intensely focused on recruiting canine cancer patients for the study through a variety of clinical outreach programs. Samples from canine patients will not only allow the researchers to identify genes responsible for breed-specific susceptibilities (such as hemangiosarcoma in Clumber Spaniels and osteosarcoma in Greyhounds), but also to translate these discoveries into new and more precise diagnostics and therapeutics for both canine and human cancer patients. The ultimate goal is to take personalized medicine for dogs to unscaled heights!

You can find more information about this program in From Bark to Bedside: Dogs Point to Cancer Culprits found in the 31st issue of *Discoveries*, the Canine Health Foundation newsletter.

The CHCC has been developed to investigate five initial cancers in dogs, which also affect people. The first five cancers they'll be researching are:

- Hemangiosarcoma
 - Osteosarcoma
 - Lymphoma
 - Malignant histiocytosis
- Melanoma (oral and digital)

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In order to move forward, they need your help. The Institute will be studying only naturally occurring tumors, so they need the assistance of owners with dogs who develop any of the above types of cancer. They are requesting fresh (NOT in formalin) tumor samples when the dog has surgery, a biopsy or is euthanized. They also need 3 mls of blood in an EDTA (purple top) tube. If a tumor sample is not immediately available, (a dog who has had surgery, for example), a blood sample is still useful. If your dog is scheduled for surgery, please contact VARI ahead of time so they can FedEx a tumor collection kit to your veterinarian. You can contact the CHCC at 616.234.5569. You may also email Dr. Froman at roe.froman@vai.org. Consent forms and more information for veterinarians can be accessed and downloaded from their website, [Helping Dogs](#). In addition, they are collecting DNA samples from a wide variety of healthy, purebred dogs, for use as controls. Your help is greatly appreciated.

[Click here for additional information about the active research the CHF has funded.](#)

[You can help by providing financial support to the Canine Health Foundation's efforts; click here to make a secure online donation and please consider a recurring gift.](#)

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The Canine Health Foundation, founded in 1995, is the largest nonprofit worldwide to fund health research exclusively for canines. Our goal is to help dogs live longer, healthier lives. The Canine Health Foundation is the leader in non-invasive genetic health research, stem cell research, and biotherapeutics benefiting both canines and humans. Through the generous financial support of Nestlé Purina PetCare Co., the American Kennel Club, and Pfizer Animal Health, as well as thousands of clubs and individuals, we're proud to announce we have allocated nearly \$24 million to canine health research at veterinary schools and research institutions worldwide.

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All Arkansas Labrador Breeders would like to invite you to show Labradors at the Arkansas Kennel Club Show on **August 14-15, 2010** to an All-Star lineup of Breeder Judges.

We will once again have a **Saturday night cookout and social** at Mike and Lenore Hamilton's home in Cabot (maps at show) . Please email if you know you are attending for planning purposes.

Major Points last 2 Years

August 14 ,2010

Labrador Retrievers

Breed Judge, **Mr. Jim Bowron** of Fortune Labradors

Sweepstakes , **Mr. Steve Calvert** of Eureka Labradors

Veteran Sweepstakes, Mr. Steve Calvert of Eureka Labradors

August 15 ,2010

Labrador Retrievers

Breed Judge, **Mrs. Judy Heim,** of Hyspire Labradors

Sweepstakes **Dr. Dan Jones** of Brookwood Labradors

Veteran Sweepstakes Dr. Dan Jones of Brookwood Labradors

SWEEPSTAKES & VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES (BOTH DAYS)

supported by **Spirit of St. Louis Labrador Retriever Club**

Great Breed and Sweepstake Prizes

Local Breeders supporting this show and cookout: Melissa and Brandon Bickerstaff, Bob and Martha Chesser, Mike and Lenore Hamilton, Pam and Gerald Harvey, Pam Ireland, Page Johnson, Terri and Jeff Turner, Barb Kossieck.

Entries Close Wednesday, July 28, 2010

3 Air Conditioned Grooming Buildings Available. Please advise by email and we will try to have space for labs reserved together.

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Little Rock Motels complete list in Premium

LA QUINTA MOTOR INNS (no pet fee) listed in order of distance from show

200 Shackleford Rd (end of I-

630).....(501) 224-0900

1010 Breckenridge Dr (I-430 Exit

8).....(501) 225-7007

McCain Blvd & US 167 (US 167 Exit

1B)(501) 945-0808

US 167 & McCain Blvd (Exit

1A).....(501) 758-

8888

11701 I-30 at Otter Creek (Exit

28).....(501) 455-2300

Mike and Lenore Hamilton

Blackwing Labradors

501-843-6255

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First Aid Class / CGC (Canine Good Citizen) Test

The Vizsla Club of Metro Atlanta will be hosting two great events on two different days and you are invited!!

We will also provide lunch for those who would like it on both days!! Please RSVP how many lunches you wish to order to Kelly at kellywood1111@gmail.com

Lunches are \$5 per person, per day

Please bring a way to contain your dog during lunch. (ie) stake out, crate, etc.

Saturday August 7th - Doggie First Aid Class!!

Located at The Wood Farm in Waleska, GA - please RSVP to Kelly at kellywood1111@gmail.com for Directions

First Aid Class starts at 10 am

Lunch will start around noon (\$5 per person)

Non-members: \$15 per person

Members: \$10 per person

Come out and have a fun filled educational day with your dog! Everyone is welcome! All breeds, all sizes!

Dr. Cecil Johnson DVM will be teaching the first aid class. A graduate from the UGA veterinary school, Dr. Johnson has owned a local practice in Dunwoody, GA for years.

If you have any specific questions for the Veterinarian please email them to Kelly at kellywood1111@gmail.com otherwise he will cover general things (snake bites, broken limbs, lacerations, etc.) and ways to help you keep your pup safe and happy in the field or in the back yard!!

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Don't forget to bring a towel, blanket or chair to sit on for the first aid class - it will be held on a lawn - as well as a note pad and pen to write stuff down!!

Saturday August 28th - Canine Good Citizen Test
 Located at The Wood farm in Waleska, GA -- please RSVP to Kelly at kelly-wood1111@gmail.com for Directions

CGC Test will start at 9 am (to ensure cooler temperatures for the pups!!)

Lunch will start around noon (\$5 per person)

Non-members: \$15 for the first dog and \$10 for each additional dog tested

Members: \$10 for the first dog and \$5 for each additional dog tested

The CGC test is open to all dogs of all ages (as long as they are old enough to have received all the necessary vaccinations such as rabies). Once you pass the test you will be awarded a certificate from the AKC - and the admiration of all who meet your well behaved pooch!!

The Canine Good Citizen Program was started in 1989 by the AKC and it promotes responsible dog ownership for owners and basic training and good manners for dogs. This program rewards dogs who are well behaved companions at home and in the community. For more information and a list of the 10 steps needed to pass the test please go to the AKC website at www.akc.org/events/cgc

All dogs must be kept on a leash or contained at all times unless they are in the pasture playing!! Unsupervised play is not allowed!! These are former cattle pastures and as such are partly contained using a barbwire fence. Lets not test the Veterinarian please! :-)

Also don't forget the human stuff too (ie) sun screen, bug spray, chairs, water, etc.

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Hookah Called Home Too Soon
Hookah Called Home Too Soon



KROPPSMARKENS SGM DOC HOOKAH TDJ
31 OCT 2006-5 JUNE 2010

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

Dr. Jean Hickman, 2010

My puppy is a toe biter. Am I the only one with this problem?

Are there others out there suffering with sore toes as they roam around the house barefoot, in flip-flops or sandals? If so, what are they doing to save their toes?

A search of other tormented folks on the Internet provided some interesting solutions to puppy toe biting.

Suggestions:

- Give the pup a teething ring.
- Say "no bite!"
- Stop playing with the pup.,
- Turn around and face the other way until she stops biting your toes.
- Give her a toy to play with.
- Scream and react with a painful expression on your face. The pup will feel your pain and stop.

Become the authority figure and the pup will learn to respect you. (This person must be a cognitive theorist)

Do you also have this problem? If so what are you and I doing to reinforce this toe biting behavior?

In reinforcement theory the three most potent reinforcers aside from food and sex, are (a) eye contact, (b) touch, and (C) verbals.

When the pup bites your toes do you look him in the eye, touch him in any way, and scream and holler. If so, you have reinforced the biting behavior with all three reinforcers, eye contact, touch and verbals.

A word about punishment... **IT WILL NOT WORK.** Punishment will stop the behavior for the moment, but will not change it.

Enough about the academics of learning theory, I wanted immediate relief.

So I watched my older dogs and how they handled the toe biter. Hadiya would not only bite their toes, but ears and lips were also fair game.

Did they give the pup eye contact? Very briefly then turned their heads away. Was there any touching? No

Verbals YES. Each dog growled and showed their teeth as they gave brief eye contact.

Taking the clue from the older dogs, as the pup bit my toes I growled and showed my teeth, and turned my head away to avoid further eye contact after growling. Nor did I touch her. The behavior stopped. This was written 22 May. Since then eight days have elapsed with only one occasion of toe biting. This was immediately followed with my verbal growling behavior and avoidance of eye contact and touch.



THE BROAD IN THE DAYLIGHT HEIST

By Rosie Rogers and Jean Hickam, 2010

While traveling to dog shows weird things are bound to happen. Officers are not exempt.

Hunger strikes and you spy the Big M swivel stick just off the interstate. It beckons you to a remarkable cuisine.

As Doc left for the powder room, Rosie asked, "What do you want?" "I'll have what ever you have," she replied.

At the counter the server greeted Rosie with a big smile and, "What will you have?" "Two angus burgers, two soft drinks, no mustard, no onions" was Rosie's reply. Now mind you when Rosie travels, being a deputy sheriff, she wears one of her polo shirts with the sheriff's emblem. The shirt always adds a little extra security for ladies traveling alone.

As the two weary travelers stood patiently waiting for their order, one burger arrived on a tray. It was placed next to another order, which was on a different tray. What transpired next will be talked about for a long time to come.

A ravenous curvy bleached blond slithered up to the counter. Although she looked directly at Rosie and her shirt, she did not connect the dots. Placing one hand on the tray with a mountain of food, the two heard her say in a sweet Southern voice, "Oh is this mine too?" As she spoke she deftly laid claim to Rosie's Angus Burger with her other hand, and walked off with both trays.

Meanwhile from the bowels of the kitchen came the manager, who apparently had been alerted. Red faced, he said, "We are trying to locate the other burger. In a chorus Rosie and Doc replied, "We know who got it".

Jokingly the manager said, "Go and arrest her". Then in her authoritarian officer voice Rosie replied, "I would if she was in Florida!"

"For all your trouble," I want to give you something. With that he handed us two Apple Pies for our extra long wait to get the burger replaced. This added the finishing touch on our five star cuisine to go meal.

As we drove off in the van we could see the blond nestled in a very secluded corner like a thief in hiding. "I hope she chokes on it," said Rosie.

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER AND HAPPY TRAVELING TO ALL OF YOU



RECIPE

I've tried these treats & the dogs love them.
They make great bait & keep your pockets dry.

Doggie Liver Treats

2 lbs Raw Beef Liver
4 eggs (you can use the whole egg for added calcium)
1 cup Molasses
4 cups flour of your choice or bread crumbs (I used Brown Rice Flour)

In a food processor puree the liver, eggs and molasses.
Put the puree into a large mixing bowl and mix in 4 cups of your
choice of flour or bread crumbs until you get a dough-like consistency.
Use a 9 x 13 baking dish....you may need to grease pan to prevent sticking.

Bake at 350 for 50-60 min.

Slice into whatever size slices work for you.
I like to slice into small bite size pieces and place small batches
into sandwich size freezer bags, and freeze all but one bag
for use as needed. They freeze and thaw very quickly and easily!

Your dogs will LOVE them!

Shannon & Earl Carlton
Sheabourne Labradors
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B R A G S

Dublin AKA Gretsals Dublin Mudslide got WD/BOS in Jackson TN under judge Michelle Billings.

Lisa
Gretsals Labradors

Fullmoon Pitch Black, RN, CGC (Bred by Kaye Stevenson and Co-Owned with Michelle Ledbetter) Had a great weekend in Jackson, TN. On Fri., May 21, Took W/ BB/BW/ and a Group 3 under Judge Edd Bivin. On Sunday, May 23, WD under Judge Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine.

Thanks Lisa for all you help!
Kaye Stevenson
Fullmoon Labs
www.imageevent.com/fullmoon

Careenna's Lochbuie Texas Two Step, bred by Julia Kuni and Carol Quaif and owned by Carol, won both of her 6-9 puppy classes at the Asheville KC shows under judges Nick Frost and Terry DePietro. Not a bad start for her first time in the ring!

Carol Quaif

“OLDERS” AND PUPS

CH Sampson's La'Vita Mo' Magnanimous x Huntcrest Sorelli Sea 'N Red
Whelped 5/11/10, Available early July
1 black male

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meador@bellsouth.net
404-510-6844

Piccolo X Gumbo pups
born 3/23/10

1 black female, 2 black males, 2 choc males

We are planning a breeding of Sole X Versace in July and are taking deposits at this time

We also plan a breeding of Tira in August, and are taking deposits

We also have some “olders” available

You can see our Labs on www.dewberrieslabradors.com

Marian and Lawrence Gardner
251-960-5317



THOUGHTS I'VE POINDERED

We, as breeders, often have such a high expectation for our breeding line, and anything that does not perfectly match our ideals is not worthy of our consideration. We fail to remember that like humans they have different personalities and odd behaviors that are out of the norm. But, this is the exact thing that makes humans and all animals so fascinating. If we, or they, were all the same with the same mannerisms, behaviors, habits, looks, personalities, structure, etc. this would indeed be a boring world.

As breeders, all we can do is either give it up or keep on trying to obtain perfection, knowing it is unattainable. As animal lovers we do not abandon them or discard them because they are “problems”. We search for the best solution, which is often keeping them, loving and caring for them, and giving them a comfortable home with us or with others where they know they are safe. When we reach the point that we can no longer do this, then it is time to give it up in our best interest and in the best interest of the animal.

Marian Gardner