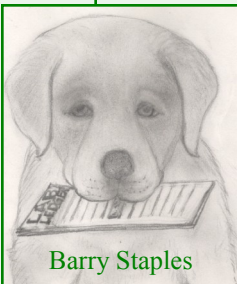


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## P R E S I D E N T ' S L E T T E R

You have probably heard already that the federal Department of Agriculture is proposing to make changes to the Animal Welfare Act.(AWA) If you have not done so already, please take some time today to check these changes out. You have until July 16 to submit comments. Usually you would think that these types of things are politics and not relevant to what we are doing as hobby breeders, but the AKC and some other responsible breeders think that there could be (un) intended consequences to hobby breeders. At first blush, the proposals seem to be aimed at puppy mills and commercial breeders and seem to be in the best interest of those of us who love labs and are small hobby breeders. However there seems to be at least the possibility that they will affect what we do and how we do it in future.

The first proposal is to exempt from regulation of the AWA retail sellers whose customers actually come on your premises to buy or to pick up their puppy. This was designed to make people who sell over the internet to customers who buy sight unseen comply with the Act. ( However what if you have a repeat buyer who just wants you to send a puppy, or have a co-owner on puppies you sell from you home and not theirs, or theirs and not yours, or a replacement puppy you send to a customer or a stud fee puppy you take and sell). Some practices that you may have been doing may make you subject to The AWA, its licensing fees, record keeping, inspection, waste disposal, veterinary care and other regulations that you had not planned on.

Similarly a change in the regulations proposes to increase the number of breeding females for exemption from 3 to 4.maintained on your premises. However, this regulation has not been well defined. Could it include puppies, retired but not yet spade females, breeding females you co own or maintain elsewhere, leased bitches, puppies born off the premises (i.e. by C- section). If you take a puppy back from some one and sell it for them is that buying a puppy for resale which makes you a dealer?

Have you already unknowingly come under the provisions of the act?

These changes are getting a lot of buzz and while you may not be affected or think they are not a problem for you, you should really still check them out and let your voice be heard.

You can get this information at [www.bestinshowdaily.com](http://www.bestinshowdaily.com). and from the AKC . There is a blog there on new USDA breeder regulations what they could mean for Hobby Breeders.. The AKC has a petition against these changes at <http://www.gopetition.com/join-with-the-akc-to-protect-responsible-small-breeders.html>.

On the first blog there is also a lady from Kentucky saying that the State Department of revenue is requesting records from 2007 to collect sales taxes on all puppy sales including internet sales. We have seen that in other states. It looks like government is taking a fresh look at hobby breeders and if you are not already doing so, some of you are going to have to change how we do things.

We hope you have a great summer. Barry Staples



## BARK FOR LIFE

A big "thank you" to everyone who helped Rookie Madler raise money for the Bark for Life / Relay for Life events. We received word that he will be featured as "Mr. October" in the 2013 Bark for Life Calendar (American Cancer Society). Congratulations handsome boy!



Note: This photo was taken by T & C Photography. Connie donated her sitting fee to the American Cancer Society and is a small business owner here in Columbus.

Lisa Madler

## TROPHIES AND RAFFLE

### Trophy Donations..Last Call

We had a nice response for trophy sponsorships.  
This is last call for sending your commitments.  
Trophies are being designed and painted now.

For those of you that have not sent payments  
Please send your check payable to GALRC  
TO: Shannon Carlton  
234 Ed Conley Road  
Otto, NC 28763



### RAFFLE TABLE

For those of you that were not able to contribute to the  
trophy fund, and would like to help the club  
we are asking for RAFFLE Donations in the form  
of items or \$\$\$. These do not have to be Labrador Related items.  
We had several people from other clubs purchasing miscellaneous items  
such as Candles & burners, Baskets of Coffees, Teas, Wines and  
an awesome Dried Floral Arrangement.

And Seasonal Gifts are a great idea.



Please contact Dale Staples at [dalerstaples@mindspring.com](mailto:dalerstaples@mindspring.com)  
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Shannon Carlton at [sheabourne@aol.com](mailto:sheabourne@aol.com)

We look forward to seeing you at the show.  
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3 year old yellow female

We also have 2 males, one Black (Banjo) and one Chocolate (Roux) FIELD TRAINED by Chris Adams at Oak Bowery Kennels. They are home with us and available for placement. You can see them on our web-site.

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