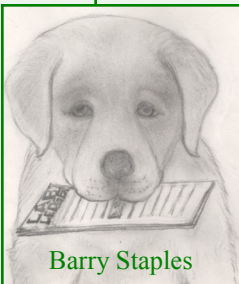


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SUMMERTIME

Judge's comment was that this photo seems to say
"The Wonder of it All"

"Sonny" submitted by Shannon Carlton , Sheabourne Labradors

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

At first blush you might think the alphabet is not the Lab Breeder's friend. Over the past decade I have had more experience with letters of the alphabet than at any time since grade school. I have come to know that letters of the alphabet in any combination that refer to Labrador Retrievers are going to be trouble.

I am not talking about the AKC, LRC, GLARC or organizations which are there to provide support and information to us all, but all those pernicious, harmful, nasty combinations, that we all know such as rd, pra, prcd, chd, ced, cnm, tvd, eic, ocd, aiha, hmlr, css, csh, and many others. Just today I was informed by Julia of yet another. This time it was hnpk. This is not a branch of the soviet secret police, but yet another Labrador disease that we will now have to deal with.

In truth the number of tests that a breeder has to do is growing by leaps and bounds and the cost of testing all of these defects is similarly growing. At first reflection, I suspected that this was a way for certain testing labs to guarantee full employment.

Last century (sounds like a long time ago doesn't it?) all you had to was find a dog that looked good to you and you were ready to get puppies on the ground. At the turn of the century, an x-ray at the local vet was all you needed and the good folks at OFA would tell you if you had a problem. Now you have to send off to cerf, optigen, ofa, and as many other labs as you feel comfortable with in order to make sure that your puppies and their progeny will be healthy.

Attempts at self reporting pra in the 90's seem to have lasted just as long as it took for everyone to realize that certain knowledge was harmful to sales. It has been much easier for some to refrain from testing; or worse, from disclosing bad results and to deny that testing took place at all.

When many of us were first confronted with this new information on hereditary defects, we resisted, with many objections as to the necessity, the unreliability, the cost, and the hassle of this testing.

We have all heard stories of breeders questioning the wisdom of submitting x-rays to a panel who may not have enjoyed their coffee on that morning. We have heard how the dog given the all clear had puppies who were affected. We have heard the anecdotal stories of how a dysplastic bitch giving birth to clear pups and how two excellents gave birth to a dysplastic pup. While at a dog show a vet once told me that he had treated littermates, one who was diagnosed as dysplastic, who was asymptomatic, and his sibling who was clear, but limped.

So should we submit to the test and bear the costs of the ever growing list of things we need to deal with? Should we not test and sell the puppies only into those pet homes where no one asks about these conditions. Should we be satisfied that our puppies are carriers but not symptomatic? Or should we just not test and leave it up to our puppy buyers?

The answer becomes immediately clear for me if you actually have seen the effects of any one of these diseases on a Lab, its owner or its breeder. A breeder friend of mine told me that an hysterical call from a puppy buyer with a newly affected Lab is one they never want to get again.

Upon reflection, common sense and the passage of time has clearly shown that we have all benefitted from the elimination of the effects of these diseases from our breeding stock.

Our Labradors are freed from the suffering that is preventable and unnecessary. Our buyers have benefitted from healthier pups. Isn't that what it is all about? No one wants to put affected puppies on the ground knowingly. As responsible breeders we need to educate ourselves, stay abreast of new developments and take the necessary steps to produce healthy puppies. If we do the alphabet will again be our friend.

MEMBERSHIP & WEB

Membership DUES Reminder

Our membership dues for 2012 will be due starting 11/1/11.

Please completely fill out this form and return it with your check so that we can keep our records up to date.

\$20.00 individual \$25.00 family

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please make checks out to GALRC and mail to

Julia Kuni

5145 Kent Rock Rd

Loganville, GA 30052

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

WHO AM I???

Hey Everyone,

My husband, Gerald, and I have recently become owners of our first Labrador puppy, Rookie. We relocated to Georgia when our jobs with the US Army moved us to Ft. Benning almost 30 years ago. Although neither of us retired from the Army, both of us continue to work in the Fort Benning School District. I am a first-grade teacher and Gerald is a middle school counselor.

I am the “dog crazy person” in our family and belong to the United Doberman Club and Chattahoochee Schutzhund Club. I train weekly in Winston, Georgia and Rookie comes with me. Having titled in Schutzhund you might be thinking, “Why would she want a Labrador?” Since I enjoy activities that frequently put me around and among kids and dogs, Labradors seem to mesh better with my personality.

Rookie has started tracking and playing on the Schutzhund field with some obedience drills thrown in; he will not train in protection. He starts a group puppy class this month and is on the list for Agility 101 in September (modified for his age). He attended doggy daycare while my school was in session and has a ton of BFFs.

I look forward to participating in different events with Rookie and have felt such a warm welcome from those of you who I have contacted. I am excited to begin this new journey!

Lisa and Gerald Madler

(Rookie and his BFF Hattie-Belle at daycare)



* Permission granted by all parties for picture.

PHOTOS

PHOTO THEMES

JULY—INDEPENDENCE DAY

AUGUST—OLD FRIENDS

SEPTEMBER—FALL ARRIVES

OCTOBER—HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER—THANKSGIVING

We had some excellent entries in this month's photo contest and they are just too good to not share!



Submitted by Florence Jones



Submitted by Lisa Madler



P U P P I E S & O L D E R S

I have 2 black girl remaining from my Litter out of Daisy and Mason (CH Big Sky's Stone Kutter).

And a 20 month old black female. She is a beautiful well mannered girl that would be great with a family with kids, an older couple or an individual looking for a constant companion. She is in perfect health and would be a great family pet.

Thanks,
Tom
678-234-8841

www.lachlanlabs.com

We have a black female out of Piper and Wits End Jacks or Better at Blackwing to sell. She will be 7 weeks old on Tuesday. These are great puppies and just as sweet as their mom!!! Can view pictures on uplandlabs.com.

Dale Staples
404-626-1835

Peyton is looking for an active family to call her own. Peyton is a black 2 1/2 yrs old, spayed female who is healthy and up to date on all veterinary care. Peyton gets along with everyone, 2 and 4 legged. She can be seen at www.plumtreefarm.com.

Julia Kuni
Lochbuie Labradors
770-317-0352

Lawrence and Marian Gardner are pleased to announce that they have 2 two year old male Labs, one chocolate and one black, that have completed the Gun Dog Retrieval Training with Chris Adams at Oak-bowery Kennels. Roux and Banjo are home and available for placement. Their brother is now with Chris for training.

251-960-5317

www.dewberrieslabradors.com

dewberries@gulftel.com

ANNOUNCEMENT

HEAR YE, HEAR YE: It's finally happening! We're planning to move to Denver after all these years of threatening to do it! Don't know when exactly but now we're divesting ourselves of practically all our dog-related inventory so the move won't require a caravan of semi's. Early bird gets the worm and GALRC members get first notice. Some is new, some is used, but still in good working order and priced very reasonably. For the most part, what's available includes several sizes and types of crates, vet meds, all sorts of equipment for show and training, AND a myriad and generous supply of Labrador goodies that we've collected over the years. That includes some clothing remaining from the booth inventory and a whole bunch of one of a kind specialty items. We're compiling a detailed list, and the sale is planned for the second week in July. The goods will be available to folks who call and schedule a visit ahead of time. Let us know via email at pblock3199@aol.com OR calling 770-469-1143. Thanks for your friendship during all these years. We look forward to offering all this at very tempting prices so that our treasured Labrador and dog items will go to good, caring homes. PATTY BLOCK and the SUMO LABRADORS (and two very spoiled French Bulldogs)

Patty Block

Sumo Labradors and The Critters

www.sumolabradors.com

Heaven isn't only up There -- It's also down here with a double coat and an otter tail!

DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS, BUT SOME OF YOU MAY WANT TO CHECK IT OUT! Marian

Subject: HNPK test for Labrador retriever

We are happy to tell you that there is a new test available for Hereditary nasal parakeratosis in labrador retriever.

Please visit our website www.genoscooper.com

ANNOUNCEMENT



Join us in supporting responsible breeders and giving the American public access to acquiring happy, healthy puppies. The American Kennel Club has created the [Join With the AKC to Protect Responsible Small Breeders](#) petition in response to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) new proposed regulations which would create harsh and unintended consequences for responsible small and hobby breeders in this country.

1 Under the proposed regulations, breeders or others who sell a puppy sight unseen, by any means including online, by mail or by telephone, would now be regulated in accordance with USDA standards, if you own more than four "breeding females" of any of the listed species, including dogs and cats. The effect of these proposed regulations would be to take away the public's opportunity to obtain puppies from those breeders, who in many cases have dedicated their lives to breeding for health, breed type and temperament.

2 Please join us by signing the [Join With the AKC to Protect Responsible Small Breeders](#) petition before July 16 when the public comment period to the Animal Care Division of the USDA's Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service ends. The petition, along with AKC's comments on the proposed rule change, will be sent to the USDA.

3 How to Sign:

4 Visit www.akc.org/petition and click "Sign Here Now!"

1. Read through *Join With the AKC to Protect Responsible Small Breeders* and click the blue box titled "Sign the Petition."

2. Complete the required fields — name, email, city and state. You can also leave a comment if you wish. We recommend you check the "Signature Display" box so that your name is displayed rather than an anonymous signature.

3. After filling out those fields, click the blue "Sign" button.

4. Once you are finished you'll have the option to share the petition via email, Facebook, Twitter and your blog. Please take a moment to share it with your fellow fanciers, club members, and friends who support responsible breeders.

Thank you for your support.

Please forward this email to your fellow fanciers, club members and friends who support responsible breeders.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the petition or the proposed rule change, please contact our Government Relations Department at 919-816-3720 or doglaw@akc.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Kalter', is shown on a white rectangular background.

Alan Kalter
Chairman of the Board
American Kennel Club