

# LAB LEDGER

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A breeder friend of mine told me that their kennel was going to be inspected by the AKC for the first time in forever and I remembered that the AKC had caught some flak on the Today show and elsewhere for the way that they had allowed some breeders to pass inspection who were later alleged to be keeping dogs in unhealthy and even illegal conditions. The AKC who on numerous occasions has announced that they are only a registry of dogs has lately asserted in response to these allegations that they really do a lot as the "Dog's Champion".

According to the AKC, their inspection program claims to have done more than 55,000 inspections since 2000. They have 13 inspectors a budget of over \$2M per year. They inspect to see that the care and condition of dogs and the facility in which they are housed are examined to insure that the dogs have access to adequate food and water, are in good physical condition and have access to daily exercise. The AKC inspects to make sure that the facility is constructed in such a way as to maintain the safety of the dogs and is clean and of sufficient size so that overcrowding does not exist. They also inspect the individual dog ownership records breeding and litter records to make sure that their registrations they are given are properly supported. DNA samples may be taken as well under certain circumstances.

A breeder who fails to co-operate or who fails to correct deficiencies are subject to suspension from using AKC services (registration, etc.) or to compete in AKC events. Typically those suspensions carry a fine and re inspection fee to insure compliance. If unsanitary or unhealthy conditions are found during the inspection, the AKC will notify state federal and local authorities. The standard AKC fine for anyone convicted of animal cruelty is a 10 year suspension and a \$2,000.00 fine. Fines and suspensions are published in the AKC Gazette and on the AKC web in Board Minutes. Breeders who pass inspection are given a certificate of compliance.

Any AKC breeder who registers 4 to 6 more litters per year or conducts 25 or more registrations transactions per year is automatically added to the list for inspections, which are conducted on a random basis. Inspections are will also be performed in response to complaints. These complaints must be in writing and signed. The inspectors will follow upon them and will not reveal the complainant's identity unless court required.



Many of us are breeders of merit and have taken responsibility to insure the happiness and well-being of our dogs as well as integrity of our breeding programs. Unfortunately, we have all heard from customers and other breeders that there are some breeders out there who are not as concerned. Puppy buyers are very sophisticated and often will not deal with a breeder who does not answer question or allow them to see their kennel operation.

The AKC inspection program may not be perfect, but is certainly a good thing - a useful tool to assist us in maintaining our standards for healthy breeding for the dogs we all love. For more information consult the AKC website or check out AKC inspections on the web.



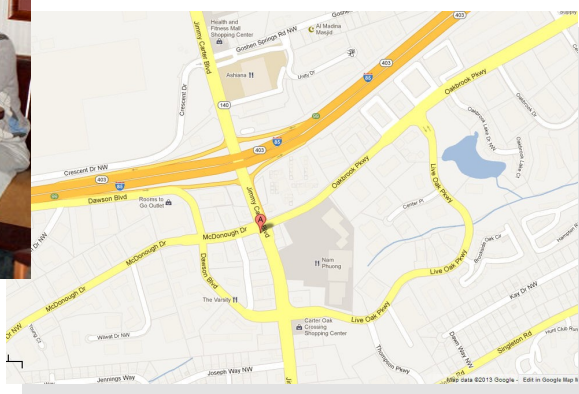
## APRIL CLUB MEETING

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>.

**Location: Cracker Barrel restaurant at Jimmy Carter Boulevard (exit 99) off I-85.**

Directions: Going North on I-85 it is to the right and coming south you turn left cross over 85 and it is on the right.

Address: 6175 McDonough Dr, Norcross, GA (770) 446-1313



The regular monthly meeting of the Club will be held on the third Tuesday of each month. Board members will commence their meeting at 7:00 p.m. and membership will meet immediately following at 7:30 p.m. As always members are invited to the Board meeting.

We hope to see you there!



## MEMBERSHIP

### **Membership DUES Reminder**

Our membership dues for 2014 will be due starting 11/1/13.

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 ~ \$15 Associate

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks out to GALRC and mail to:

Jim Griffin

130 Hickory Pointe Dr.

Athens, Ga. 30605

### **Member's breeder directory**

To be included in the breeder's directory of the club's website, please e-mail the following information to our Website master: [Jean McLain](#)

Kennel name, Contact person, Website URL address, e-mail address, phone number and a brief description of your practices. You may include any updated information about current litters.



## 2014 Specialty Planning is underway....

We have very exciting news and are pleased to share some details with you regarding our upcoming 2014 Specialty event this Fall. We are about to embark on our second year as an independent, back-to-back specialty in November. It will be a lot of fun - and hard work too! Since we've not had any volunteers to be the Show Chairperson for this year's event, the Board has asked me to Chair again for 2014. I feel a bit more prepared for this year's event having one under my belt at this point - enough so that I've asked Jim Griffin and Julia Kuni to be my co-chairs this year - and they have graciously agreed (Many Thanks!). I look forward to another great event, that we -- as members can all be proud of. To that end, the organizing has already begun, but I wanted to share some details with everyone at this point. This is also a call to everyone to sign up early to help out in whatever capacity you can so we can again make our specialty "special" for everyone, and a great success!

A few things have already been completed -

Location: NEW!! Shannondale Farms (Alpharetta, GA)

Tent: Reece Tents,

Host Hotel: Hyatt Place (Windward) \$69/night.

Judges for our 2014 event will be:

Saturday, Nov 15th, 2014

Michael Silva, Shadowbrook Dogs and Intersex

Clare Senfield, Allegheny Bitches

Nancy Charge, Banner All Sweepstakes

Sunday Nov 16th, 2014

Clare Senfield, Allegheny Dogs and Intersex

Michael Silva, Shadowbrook Bitches

Karen Helmers, Paradocs All Sweepstakes

So, already it's stacking up to be a great event. Unfortunately, Chukkar Farms had already booked a wedding for our weekend. We found that out just prior to last year's event when we approached them to rebook. The board met in early March and did site visits at 5 locations in and around the Alpharetta area and decided on Shannondale. Barry and Neil negotiated the price with the owners of the private farm and the contract is expected to be signed very shortly. We have secured Chukkar Farms for 2015,



so we can return to the site which we got so many positive comments on from club members and exhibitors alike. To have it all come off without a hitch, we still need volunteers for the following important assignments:

#### Volunteer Assignments Needed

- **Grounds Co-Chair** - Work with Neil Martin to prepare, set up, clean up and tear down site. Assist with Parking as well.
- **Hospitality Chair** - Plan and hold club hospitality event on Saturday evening. Plan and conduct hospitality at show site (breakfast and lunch) both days.
- **Hospitality Co-Chair** - Assist Chair in planning hospitality events for exhibitors at show site both days.
- **Catalog Sales** - We need volunteers from 8am to Noon each day to man the catalog sales table. Some prepaid - others cash sales.
- **Club Table** - We need volunteers from 7:30 am to close of show each day to man the club table to address exhibitor questions, complaints, membership issues, class changes, bounced checks for entries, etc. each show day. If folks can either volunteer for a day or a portion of a day we can plan coverage in shifts if that works best.
- **Ring Stewards (2)** - We will have two rings at the upcoming specialty and are in need of 2 ring stewards each day.

Certainly you can see how important each of these roles are to having a great event. If you think you can help out, please email ([chlabs01@gmail.com](mailto:chlabs01@gmail.com)) or call me (404-725-3011) and let me know if you have interest in a particular area and can volunteer. Thanks in advance!

And, I'd like to express my thanks and gratitude to those that have already answered Barry's call to volunteer. I look forward to working with all of you to make this years' event a tremendous success!

- Tom O'Hern - Publicity and Advertising Chair
- Barry Staples - Judges Welfare
- Dale Staples - Raffle Chair



- Shannon Carlton - Raffle Co-Chair
- Laura van Dalen - Decorations Chair
- Karen Arlin - Show Secretary
- Florence Jones - Trophy Co-Chair
- Neil Martin - Grounds Chair
- Julia Kuni - Show Co-Chair
- Jim Griffin - Show Co-Chair

And lastly, a big thank you to all of you who responded so quickly to the **TROPHY FUND** announcement and have sponsored classes already for our 2014 event. There are still many great classes left to sponsor and at a very reasonable cost of \$10 per class. This is a great way to have your name and kennel name recognized in our catalog for all to see and to support the club. For those that have already sponsored classes and sent in your checks - THANKS! I'm looking forward to finding some great breed related items next week at the Potomac Shows! If you want to sponsor a class, please send me an email (chlabs01@gmail.com) and I'll be happy to tell you which classes are still available. Our goal is to meet the trophy donations we received last year which covered all available classes and enabled us to get some really great prizes.

As always, I welcome your feedback about last years event and ways we can look to make this year even better. Thanks for all the comments thus far!

Jodi



## CH LOCHBUIE CARENNA TEXAS TYCOON

Congratulations to Karen Arlin!

Her Brady, Lochbuie Carenna Texas Tycoon is a new Champion on March 20, 2014 with his 4th major win at the Raleigh NC shows. Brady is sired by CH Hyspire Texas Hold Em and out of Carenna's Poppy.

Bred by Carol Quaif and Julia Kuni. Owned by Karen Arlin and Julia Kuni



**NEW CHAMPION!!!!**





## CH ELHID HELLO BEAUTIFUL

Gorgie finished in Raleigh on March 22nd.

Breed by Coleen and Bruce Kincaid from ELHID Labradors

Owned by Laura van Dalen

Handled by Amy wall, Rachael Murphy, and Amy Penuel

NEW CHAMPION!!!!





## BRAGS

### U-CD GRANDQUEST LEGEND'S LAST WORD CD GN RA ASCA-CD

**NEW TITLE!!!!**

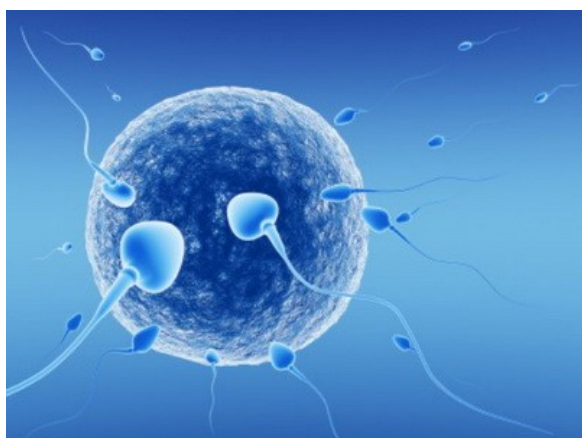
U-CD Grandquest Legend's Last Word CD GN RA ASCA-CD, with owner/trainer/handler Linda Rehkopf, earned her Rally Advanced title with scores of 97, 98, and 99+ (out of 100 possible points). The black Lab, aka "Story," had a third and two second placements at trials hosted by the Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont and the Atlanta Obedience Club.

These scores also qualified Story for the 2015 AKC National Rally Championship to be held next March.



## SPERMATOZOA SET NEW SPEED RECORD

The patience (and backs) of a lot of breeders have been strained trying to insure conception through the practice of elevating a bitch's hindquarters. In fact, doing an artificial insemination (AI) can be a bitch!



We have long been advised to hold her up at least ten minutes and most breeders believe twenty minutes is even better. Many experts also employ other insider tips such as simulating the tie and stimulating the bitch.

The process is frightening for many toy dogs and backbreaking work for those with large breeds.

So how long does it take for sperm cells to migrate through the female reproductive tract?

Would you believe that spermatozoa from fresh ejaculates reach the tip of the uterine horn within 25 to

120 seconds after intravaginal insemination? It's true, according to an article published in the Japanese Journal of Veterinary Science 1989;51:560-565. So, based on this information, is elevating the bitch's hindquarters for extended periods of time really necessary?

Based on the results of a research study performed by C.R.F. Pinto, B.E. Eilts, and D.L. Paccamonti, (Theriogenology 1998;50:301-305), the practice of elevating the bitch's hindquarters for more than one minute may be totally unnecessary! The study compared the success rates of two different hindquarter elevation times: 10 minutes versus 1 minute. The trial used 3 dogs and 15 bitches of proven fertility. Inseminations were performed intravaginally with fresh undiluted semen.

The study was performed at Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine and reports an overall pregnancy rate of 91% with litters averaging over seven puppies in both study groups. Statistically there was no difference in pregnancy rate or litter size in this comparison of 10 minute versus 1 minute hindquarter elevation time.

Also noteworthy for breeders is that "feathering or stroking of the vulvar and perineal region was not



performed in any of the bitches” nor was there any attempt to simulate a tie by use of inflated balloons or other means. The bitches were immediately returned to their runs with no attempt to prevent sitting or urination.

In summary, the results of this study indicate that pregnancy rate in dogs with normal fertility is unaffected by reducing the hindquarter elevation time from 10 to 1 min following artificial insemination with fresh semen.

Likewise, litter size is not affected by reducing hindquarter elevation time after insemination.

Well, so much for tradition. The practices of elevating hindquarters for uncomfortable stretches of time, genital area stimulation, and crating the bitch to prevent sitting or urination are relegated to the status of “old wives tales” thanks to this study.

by Craig White, DVM, M.S. and Barbara J. Andrews, HOF Breeder



## ANOUNCEMENTS

### EASTER SEALS CANINE PROGRAM

*Request for club members from Frances McGowin of the Easter Seals canine program. It's an absolutely wonderful service that they do. Dogs are trained at the Jacksonville Woman's State prison by inmates under the supervision of professional trainers. Charm, named below, is one I donated as well as 2 others. One is a service dog for a child with spinal bifida and the other is a diabetic alert dog, all trained by the inmates. I can't speak highly enough of the organization. Perhaps there's people in the club that would be interested in making a donation of a dog.*

*Sincerely,*

*Linda Braun*

*Jalin Labradors*

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Linda,

Charm will make her transition to Ben Woodruff, a Naval Officer and disabled Veteran, this coming weekend. We are all very excited for them both!

(Charm is doing so great!!!) Thank you so much!

**Linda, we are desperate for more Labs between the ages of 1 and 2 1/2 years old.**

**Do you know any other breeders who  
might be interested in donating a Lab to our program?**

Frances McGowin, Director

DOGS ON CALL and K-9s 4 Kids

Easter Seals Alabama Canine Programs

<http://DogsOnCall.com>

<http://ServiceDogsAlabama.org>



## LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Katons Coal and Mia



### Black Females available

Sire: Katelyn's Coalhouse. OFA good, elbows normal, EIC carrier, PRA clear, and CNM clear.

Dam: Katons Miracle Mia. OFA excellent, elbows normal, EIC clear, PRA clear, and CNM clear.

Born March 20, 2014 and will be ready to go to their new homes in middle May.

Contact:

Jim Griffin at [katonslabradors@yahoo.com](mailto:katonslabradors@yahoo.com)



## YOUNG ADULTS ANOUNCEMENTS

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Carriage Hill's

Black Female w. June 2013 (Intl. Ch. Raintree Slippery When Wet, JH x Ch. Carriage Hill's Whoops A Daisy)

Yellow Male w. June 2013 (Intl. Ch. Raintree Slippery When Wet, JH x Ch. Carriage Hill's Whoops A Daisy)

Yellow Male w. February 2013 (GCh. Gateway's Nothin' But Trouble x Carriage Hill's Tattle Tale)

Yellow Male - 5 years old (Ch. Carriage Hill's Maxed Out x Carriage Hill's Miss Lizzy)

Please contact Neil Martin at 404-713-7116 for more information.

Thank you.

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You've seen those ads on TV promising amazing results from all sorts of contraptions. Well, there's no need to invest in fancy equipment. If you have (or can borrow) a dog, you have everything you need to get in shape now!!! The following exercises can be done anywhere, anytime.

**Inner Thighs:** Place the dog's favorite toy between thighs. Press tighter than the dog can pull. Do not attempt bare legged - dogs who favor shortcuts to success will just dig the toy out. You could be damaged.

**Upper Body Strength:** Lift the dog - off the couch, off the bed, out of the flower bed. Repeat, repeat, repeat. As the dog ages, this exercise is reversed - onto the couch, onto the bed, into the car and so on.

**Balance and Coordination, Exercise 1:** Remove your puppy from unsuitable tight places. If they're too small for him, they're certainly too small for you. Do it anyway!

**Balance and Coordination, Exercise 2:** Practice not falling when your dog bounds across the full length of the room, sails through the air, and slams both front paws into the back of your knees.

**Balance and Coordination, Exercise 3:** (for use with multiple dogs) Remove all dogs from lap and answer the phone before it stops ringing.

**Balance and Coordination, Exercise 4:** (alternate) For older dogs, attempt to cross a room without tripping over the dog. Get off your couch without crushing any part of a sleeping elderly dog.

**Upper Arms:** Throw the ball. Throw the squeaky toy. Throw the Frisbee. Repeat until nauseous.

**Upper Arms:** (alternate) Tug the rope. Tug the pull toy. Tug the sock. Repeat until your shoulder is dislocated or the dog gives up (we all know which comes first).

**Hand Coordination:** Remove foreign object from dog's locked jaw. This exercise is especially popular with puppy owners. Repeat. Repeat. Repeat. Remember, this is a timed exercise. Movements must be quick and precise (think concert pianist) to prevent trips to the vet, which only offer the minimal exercise benefit of jaw firming clenches.

**Calves:** After the dog has worn out the rest of your body, hang a circular toy on your ankle and let the dog tug while you tug back. **WARNING:** This is feasible only for those with strong bones and small dogs. Have you taken your calcium supplement today?

**Calves:** (alternate) Run after dog - pick any reason, there are plenty. Dogs of any size can be used for this exercise. Greyhounds are inadvisable.

**Neck Muscles:** Attempt to outmaneuver the canine tongue headed for your ear, mouth, or eyeball.

This is a lifelong fitness program. A dog is never too old or too feeble to "French Kiss" you when you least expect it.

