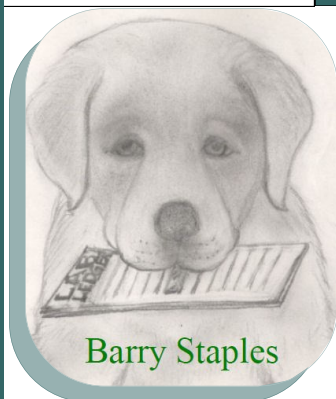


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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another show season is underway and with it there have been some changes to our Board. We welcome new Board members Neil Martin, Jim Griffin, and Tom O'Hern. Linda Jordan is our new corresponding secretary and Jim Griffin is the membership chairman. Dr. Laura Van Dalen will be publishing our newsletter. We look forward to working with all of them and serving our members in the new year.

Jim Griffin conducted a survey of members for the best day for meeting and as a result of the survey, **the monthly meeting of the Club will be 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.

The meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> is an important one for our conformation members and all members in general. At our last meeting in January we discussed the likelihood that we may be required to change our show date and therefore our venue. When we applied to have our show with the Prestige Cluster and support the Atlanta Kennel Club all breed show, in each of the past two years, we were requested by the LRC to look at another weekend date that did not conflict with the Mid Jersey Specialty. In addition to looking at staying with that date, we are also examining alternative dates, venues, judges and costs.

We have a number of alternatives and will need to decide among them. There are pros and cons to each of these alternatives. Our decision will have an impact on the future of the club operations and we would like the input of as many of you as possible. For more information prior to the meeting please contact the board by phone or email.

At the meeting, we will need to determine the commitment of the members of our Club to continue in its present form or to commit resources of time, talent and even financial support to a change.

It promises to be a very interesting and informative evening, so please make plans to attend.

Finally, our members did very well at the shows in Atlanta and most recently at the LRC of the Piedmont. Congratulations to all of them. We look forward to seeing you on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## MEMBERSHIP

### **Membership DUES Reminder**

Our membership dues for 2013 will be due starting 11/1/12.

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:

Jim Griffin

130 Hickory Pointe Dr.

Athens, Ga. 30605

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### **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.

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### **New Members**

Our President, the board of directors, and the members of the club welcome the following new members:

Leslie Lopez from Augusta, GA. [lesliescats-3@msn.com](mailto:lesliescats-3@msn.com)

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# BRAGS

## Coastal South Carolina (Supported entry)

### LOCHBUIE CARENNA ISLAY

We had a great time at the Coastal Carolina LRC Supported Entry show in Charleston. Lochbuie Carenna Islay "Greer" showed in the large and quality filled 12-18 month bitch sweeps and reg class. On Sunday she had a class win and had class placements in all other classes.

### VAN DALEN CHARISMA BY GANDALF

Our Chara won the large open yellow class on Sunday under judge Ms. Traci Stintzum.

### SHEABOURNE'S GRIZZLY ADAMS

Griz ( CH Paradocs Obsidian x CH Sheabourne's Precious Angel)  
went BOS in Sweeps Sunday at Coastal South Carolina Supported Entry.

### BEAUFORT KENNEL CLUB

### SHEABOURNE'S GRIZZLY ADAMS

Grizz also went WD, BOW, BOB at the Beaufort KC.

## Atlanta weekend

### VAN DALEN JOIN THE JOY

Van Dalen Join The Joy AKA J.J. went WB and BW on Saturday under judge Mr Jerry M Watson and RWB on Sunday under judge Mrs Carole A Beattie. I'm so proud of her! This was her second time out since she was a puppy.

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# BRAGS

## Piedmont Specialty

### CORNERSTONE'S STILL SMOLDERING

We're thrilled to report that Cornerstone's Still Smoldering was owner handled to WB for a 4 pt major at the Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont on Sunday under breeder judge Barbara Gilchrist. Ember was bred by Sheree Paskert and is owned and loved by Carol Quaif and Sheree Paskert. Ember also was awarded an Award of Merit in Breed by judge Jeff Gilmore.

### SHEABOURNE'S MEDICINE MAN

Doc ( CH Paradoxs Obsidian x Ch Sheabourne's Precious Angel) went BOS in Sweeps both days at Piedmont LRC and was 1 of 4 pulled for WD under Barbara Gilchrist.

Doc & Griz are littermate & bred/owned by Shannon & Earl Carlton.

Congratulations to all the winners!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special thank to the outgoing newsletter editor Marian Gardner and outgoing Director Lundi Johnson.

The AKC has updated the rally and obedience rule book. The biggest change is the addition of the "pre-" classes of pre-novice, pre-open, and pre-utility.

The new book has a chartreuse cover. This can be ordered from [the AKC store](#) on their website.

[Revisions to the Obedience Regulations](#)

### Canine Good Citizen® Becomes a Title!

As of January 1, 2013, Canine Good Citizen® will become an official AKC title that can appear on the title records of dogs registered or listed with AKC. Dog owners who complete the CGC as a Title process may list the suffix "CGC" after the dog's name.

Since the program began in 1989, CGC™ has been considered an "award," meaning that it has not been listed on a dog's title record.

As a result of frequent, ongoing requests from dog owners and instructors for AKC to recognize CGC as a title, dog owners will have the option of having CGC added to their dog's title record and appear as a part of the dog's titled name.



(Wednesday, January 30, 2013)

New York, NY – Labrador Retriever lovers have again spoken – the playful, family friendly breed remains the number one most popular breed in the U.S. for the 22nd consecutive year, tying with the Poodle for the longest reign in the top spot.

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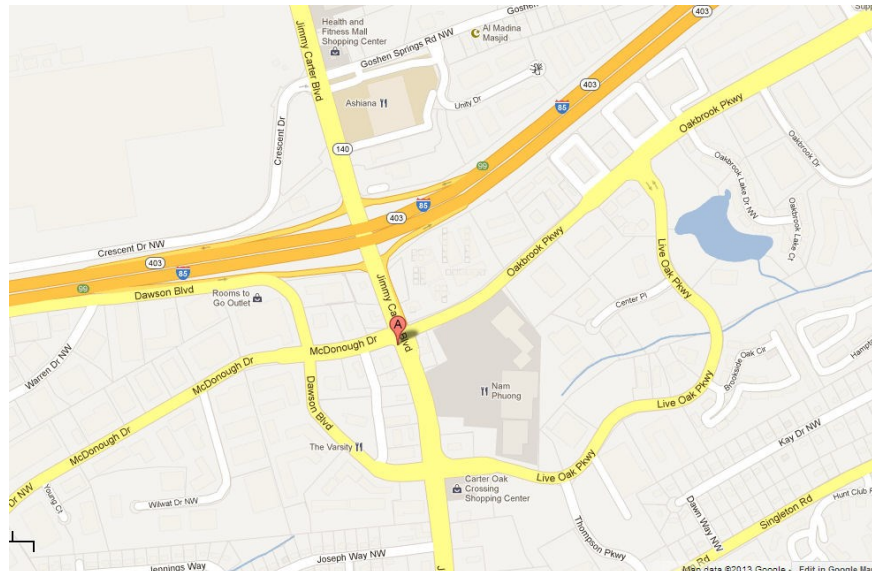
## FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>

Location: Denny's 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: 5534 Jimmy Carter Blvd, Norcross, GA (770) 448-8762



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!

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Join your friends this coming October at the **LRC,**  
**Inc. National Specialty Event Week**  
**October 6 – 13, 2013**



In *"The Shadow of the Cascades"*  
 . . . the beautiful Pacific Northwest!

**TD/TDX Tracking**  
**October 6**

Location to be determined

**Two Agility, Obedience & Rally Trials, CC Evaluations**  
**LRC, Inc. Judges' Education Workshop**  
**"Go Green" Specialty and the National Specialty**  
**Pat Hastings' Educational Seminar—"A Glimpse of Structure in Action"**  
**October 7–11**  
**Lacey, Washington**

All Companion Dog and Conformation Events will be held outdoors.

**Superintendent: BaRay Events ([barayevents.com](http://barayevents.com))**

**AKC Retriever Hunting Tests (Master, Senior, Junior), WC, CC Evaluations**  
**October 12–13**

**Pepper's Farm, Carnation, Washington**  
**Entry Express ([www.entryexpress.com](http://www.entryexpress.com))**

Check the LRC website ([thelabradorclub.com](http://thelabradorclub.com)) for further information.



**Contact: Jill Mahoney**  
**LRC National Specialty Event Week Chairperson**  
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February 10, 2013

Dear Fellow Dog Lover,

The New York Times published [an article](#) using unsubstantiated, anecdotal episodes to paint a grossly misleading and biased picture of dog breeders who register their dogs and litters with the AKC. In addition, they relied on opinions of other animal rights organizations, without facts to back them up, in an attempt to refute the AKC's good working relationship with law enforcement, animal control officers, lawmakers and others who care about animal welfare and reporting animal cruelty.

#### AKC Respected As An Animal Welfare Organization

The article states, "But the A.K.C. is increasingly finding itself ostracized in the dog world, in the cross hairs of animal protection services, law enforcement agencies and lawmakers who say that the club is lax in performing inspections and that it often lobbies against basic animal rights bills because they could cut into dog registration fees."

The truth is the vast majority of breeders are responsible; in fact, over 99% of the 55,000 that the AKC has inspected since 2000, have been found to be in compliance. When AKC does discover substandard conditions, our policies require that we immediately report them to local, state and federal officials.

AKC has a productive, working relationship with local animal controls, state and local law enforcement, state departments of agriculture throughout the country, as well as the USDA, and works cooperatively with all of those agencies to ensure the enforcement of cruelty and neglect laws, as well as the provisions of the federal Animal Welfare Act.

In fact, in many instances, the highly publicized raids for which animal rights groups take credit in the media have come about as a direct result of AKC's reporting to law enforcement.

AKC is well respected by lawmakers who consider us credible experts on dog issues, and rely on our thoughtful and considered advice when it comes to legislation that will impact dogs and their breeders and owners.

#### Misguided Opinions Versus Facts

The article also quotes ASPCA President and CEO Ed Sayres who says "a majority of the commercial breeders in the raids that his group participated in had ties to A.K.C.-registered litters." But, there is no proof or numbers given to back up this charge. He goes on to state "The irony to the consumer is that they're paying a lot for a fake Rolex." and that he thinks "dogs are often genetically compromised and come from traumatic environments." Both of these statements are opinions that were printed erroneously as fact.

The ASPCA has a history of such tactics. Recently they reached a legal settlement with Feld Entertainment, Inc., the producer of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, agreeing to pay Feld \$9.3 million to settle all claims related to ASPCA's part in more than a decade of manufactured litigation brought by animal rights interest groups that attempted to outlaw elephants in the company's Ringling Bros. Circus. This settlement applies only to the ASPCA. Feld Entertainment's lawsuit, including its claims for litigation abuse and racketeering (RICO), continues against the remaining defendants, the Humane Society of the United States, the Fund for Animals, Animal Welfare Institute, Born Free USA united with Animal Protection Institute, Tom Rider and the attorneys who were involved. Discovery in the initial lawsuit uncovered over \$190,000 that these animal activist groups and their lawyers paid to Tom Rider who lived off of the money while serving as the "injured plaintiff" in the lawsuit against the circus.

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#### AKC is a Leading Not-For-Profit Organization

The article also states, "As recently as 2010, roughly 40 percent of the A.K.C.'s \$61 million in annual revenue came from fees related to registration. Critics say a significant part of that includes revenue from questionable breeders like the Hamiltons, or so-called puppy mills, which breed dogs en masse with little regard for basic living standards." We gave the reporter statistics that dispute this claim but they were not used. In fact, less than 5 percent of our total revenue comes from commercial breeders who register dogs and litters with us.

The AKC, for 129 years, has been committed to responsible dog ownership and responsible breeding of dogs, and we will continue our proactive efforts to further those goals, even when those efforts impact our bottom line.

AKC saw substandard breeders leave the registry in droves in the mid-1990's when it instituted a care and conditions policy, and more leave when we sought to insure the integrity of the registry through DNA testing.

#### An Incomplete Picture Portrayed

Hamilton Case: While the article inaccurately portrays Hamilton as a high volume breeder or "puppy mill," court documents make clear that this was a situation where "hoarding is likely a factor in what was occurring as the Hamilton's were clearly unable to part with dogs that they had collected over the years."

Williams Case: The article fails to mention that Mr. and Mrs. Williams were charged in July of 2012 with one count of cruelty, and that charge was subsequently dismissed in September of 2012, based on the judge's determination that the warrant that led to the illegal search of the Williams' home and seizure of their dogs and the filing of the single charge was invalid. The Williams engaged in civil litigation to retain custody of their dogs from the "rescue" organization involved in the illegal seizure.

This is similar to the more egregious case of Dan Christiansen in Montana who is suing the HSUS for \$5M over a 2009 "raid" of his hunting dog kennel. A judge later ruled that the warrant for the raid was obtained based on intentionally misleading information, and all of the cruelty charges against Mr. Christiansen were dismissed.

Chilinski Case: Likewise, the story fails to acknowledge that along with the seizure of Mr. Chilinski's dogs, law enforcement seized over 200 marijuana plants that he was growing on his property, a vocation which likely led to the deterioration of his kennel and his overall ability to care for his dogs in the two years between his last AKC inspection and the raid of this property.

#### Voice Your Opinion

While the AKC's critics may be vocal, they are few, led by extremist national animal rights groups who see their legislative influence and massive fundraising abilities diminished by growing recognition that the focus of their efforts is not bettering the lives of dogs or enhancing our relationship with them.

Nonetheless, AKC continues to:

Spend millions annually on a kennel inspections program

Donate millions for the advancement of canine health research

Continues to give millions to canine search and rescue and disaster assistance

Continues to support the rights of responsible breeders to breed and raise dogs, and fight for the rights of responsible individ-

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uals to own them.

It is important to note that in any enforcement and regulatory program, there will be those who approach the regulated activity with a disregard for compliance with the rules. As a result, there is always a risk that those non-compliant few will reflect negatively on the vast majority who are in compliance. Nonetheless, the AKC remains committed to its inspection program and its belief that the AKC is helping breeders achieve compliance through education regarding best practices for breeding and caring for dogs.

Please share with your friends and family the facts and go to the NYT website and take the opportunity to post your comments about your commitment to responsible breeding and ownership of dogs.

Sincerely,

Alan Kalter

Chairman of the Board

American Kennel Club



## New form for the ECR



### THE ECR

OFA Eye Certification Registry exams are ophthalmic examinations, performed by American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) Diplomates, to assess dogs for the presence or absence of observable hereditary eye disease. Dogs with normal exam results will receive OFA eye certification numbers valid for one year. Eye Certifications are an important part of the routine health screening practiced by responsible dog breeders to produce healthy puppies. The OFA's ECR has the full support of the ACVO.

### THE EXAM

*The exam is performed after drops are placed in the eyes to dilate the pupils and consists of indirect ophthalmoscopy and slit lamp biomicroscopy. If a serious ocular health problem (such as glaucoma) is suspected during the ECR exam, a more comprehensive examination may be required.*

### TO REGISTER ECR EXAM RESULTS

#### ECR APPLICATION FORM

**STEP 1:**  
owner completes the  
left side of the form

**STEP 2:**  
eye exam is performed



**STEP 3:**  
ophthalmologist completes  
exam portion of the form

**STEP 4:**  
owner submits white copy  
to OFA for certification

After the examination, the ophthalmologist will complete the OFA ECR exam form and indicate any specific observable conditions found.

Breeding advice will be offered based on guidelines established for that particular breed by the Genetics Committee of the ACVO.

The forms are in triplicate. One copy is for the ophthalmologist's records, one is for the owner, and one is for the OFA's Clinical Database.

### BENEFITS OF THE ECR

- 🐾 The addition of eye exam results to the OFA's extensive databases of canine health screening results enhances the value of this important toolset for responsible breeders to make more informed breeding decisions.
- 🐾 For informed puppy buyers, the database provides documentation of a breeder's health screening efforts.
- 🐾 Results of all ECR exams are collected for statistical purposes to monitor ocular disease prevalence and progression, and are used by the Genetics Committee of the ACVO to establish breeding guidelines.
- 🐾 A portion of the proceeds from all ECR registrations will be donated to the ACVO Vision for Animals Foundation to support research leading to the elimination and treatment of ocular diseases.

*The OFA is a not-for-profit foundation with the mission to promote the health and welfare of companion animals through a reduction in the incidence of genetic disease. The OFA currently maintains the world's largest online, publicly available database of canine health screening results.*



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### FEES

Initial Submissions: \$12  
Resubmissions: \$8  
Submission of non-passing results into the open database: **No Charge**

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## CANINE TRIAL TESTS NOVEL MEDICATION FOR BRAIN TUMORS

The American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, Inc., has awarded the University of Georgia (UGA) College of Veterinary Medicine and Emory University a \$119,000 grant over three years to test a newly developed experimental drug to treat dogs with naturally-occurring brain tumors, following partial surgical removal of those tumors.

The goal of the research is to help translate new brain cancer therapies to humans by assessing results in dogs with similar diseases. According to the researchers, the tumors in dogs, known as spontaneous gliomas, are very similar to human malignant brain tumors both by imaging and biology, and both tend to grow back rapidly. The poor prognosis for dogs with gliomas is similar to human patients. The researchers are hoping the novel treatment being tested will slow down tumor growth.

A seven-year-old pit bull named Petey was the first dog enrolled in the initial pilot trial at UGA in 2011. Following discovery of a brain tumor after a seizure, Petey underwent surgery in September 2011 to remove a portion of the tumor. Simon Platt, BVMS, a professor of veterinary neurology at UGA, performed the surgery and diagnosed Petey with a glioma. After surgery and for three days, an investigational drug was directly infused into the glioma tumor area via catheters, targeting any residual tumor cells. Petey underwent blood testing and complete neurologic testing confirming no toxicity of the therapeutic agent.

Six weeks after surgery, Petey had a follow-up MRI that revealed the therapeutic agent still within the remaining brain tumor. Petey had another MRI five months after surgery showing a marked reduction in tumor size. Petey remains alive and well now 15 months after surgery and is seizure-free.

"We are very pleased with Petey's progress following surgery and medication delivery," says Platt. "Seizure activity experienced prior to surgery has not returned and Petey's owner reports he is doing well."

The experimental agent was developed in the Winship Cancer Institute Brain Tumor Nanotechnology Laboratory of Costas Hadjipanayis, MD, PhD, assistant professor of neurosurgery, Emory University School of Medicine and chief of neurosurgery at Emory University Hospital Midtown. The agent is the FDA-approved monoclonal antibody known as cetuximab, attached to an iron-oxide magnetic nanoparticle (IONP). The IONP allows for direct visualization of the agent in the brain by MRI due to the magnetic properties of the nanoparticle.

"We have translated this agent to canines with spontaneous gliomas to study its safety and feasibility," says Hadjipanayis. "By targeting the same receptor in canine gliomas that is over-expressed in human brain cancer, known as glioblastoma (GBM), we hope to have a clearer picture of the safety and therapeutic efficacy of the agent."

Initial pilot funding for this research came from the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine, the Winship Cancer Institute and Dana Foundation grant money received by Hadjipanayis, as well as the Boo Radley Foundation. Dog-owner Ken Johnson formed the not-for-profit foundation after his dog, Boo Radley, a Black English Lab, passed away from a malignant brain tumor. Boo participated in three canine clinical trials in three different states before he died.

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"This foundation was started to support research in medicine that has a direct correlation between dogs and humans," says Johnson. "Our mission is to support the efforts to heal man and man's best friend in the best way we can. The Boo Radley Foundation looks forward to continued support of the extraordinary efforts of Emory University and the University of Georgia."

The grant money from the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation will fund a clinical trial at UGA in approximately 15 canines with spontaneously-occurring brain gliomas. The canine trial may lead to human testing if further safety and tumor control can be confirmed.