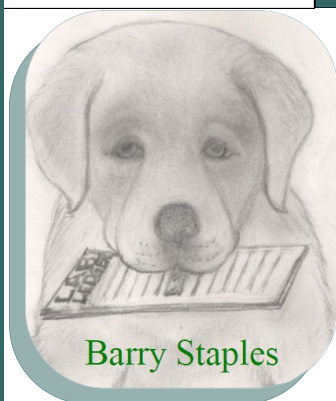


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Happy Easter!

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

President's message:

We are all very pleased and excited that Jodi Martin has agreed to be the show chair for 2013 specialty. She has been working very hard behind the scenes with help of many others, on our Board and off, to get things under way. Thanks to all of them we have a good start. Our next Board meeting on Tuesday March 19 will include a report from Jodi on where we stand and what remains to be done. We will need as many Board members and club members as possible to help us in this effort to ensure its success, but it looks like we will have an outstanding panel of judges, a great venue, a wonderful weekend and a good time planned for this show for all of the exhibitors who plan to come. If at all possible, you need to be at the Board meeting at Denny's at Jimmy Carter Blvd. (exit 99 on I-85) at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday the 19th. We will have a number of important decisions to make concerning the show. This is an opportunity for all of us, as club members, to participate and be part of this important club project.

At this meeting, we will also be discussing activities things are upcoming for the next few months for club meetings that are not specialty show related, so if you want to have your ideas considered, please come and make them known.

The 2013 show season is well under way and we want to congratulate our club members who have done well so far. We look forward to your continued success for the rest of this year. Congratulations as well to all of our breeder members on your recent and newly expected Spring litters. We hope that they all turn out just the way you want.

We have received a number of compliments about the newsletter and want to thank Dr. Laura Van Dalen for the great job she is doing. Our newsletter is very important to us in keeping our membership informed and involved.

As always, if you have any suggestions on how to make the club better please feel welcome to contact any board member. We look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you at the monthly meetings.

Barry Staples

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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

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.

New Members

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

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BRAGS

Hilton Head

BELLATHATCH MYSTIC DRUIDS

Bellathatch Mystic Druids, AKA Dru, went WD, BOW, BOB in Hilton Head on 3/2/2013 under Judge Joe Walton.

VAN DALEN JOIN THE JOY



J.J. went WB and OS on Sunday 3/3/2013 under judge James R White.

PENSACOLA

NEW CHAMPION!!!!

CH UPLAND'S SUNDANCE.

Hunter finished his championship last weekend under Judge Charles L Olvis

UPLAND'S QUIK PICK

Brooks won his first point under Judge Col Joe B Purkhiser.

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2013 Specialty Planning is underway....

As Barry shared in his President's letter, we have very exciting news regarding our 2013 Specialty event this Fall. Going back to an independent, back-to-back specialty at Wills Park in early November will be a lot of fun - and hard work too! The board has asked me to be the Show Chairperson for this years event and although I've never held this post before, I'm excited and a bit nervous! I'll certainly be looking to all those who've held the post in the past and any new faces that want to learn more and pitch in to help when you can, in whatever capacity you can. To that end, I've been organizing all the duties we'll need club volunteers to assist with to ensure our Specialty this Fall is "special" for everyone, and a success!

A few things have already been completed:

Location: Wills Park. Tents: Reece Tents. Host Hotel: Hyatt Place (Windward) \$62/night.

<u>Saturday Nov 9, 2013</u>		<u>Sunday Nov 10, 2013</u>	
Lori Bentine (Tremont)	Dogs and Intersex	Trudy Rose (Talimar)	Dogs and Intersex
Trudy Rose (Talimar)	Bitches and Non Regular	Lori Bentine (Tremont)	Bitches and Non Regular
Becky Jack (NipnTuck)	All Sweepstakes	Liz Martin (Clearcreek)	All Sweepstakes

The judges for our event will be:

So, already it's stacking up to be a great event. We're trying to put the "special" back in Specialty and hope the new dates, location and great judges will encourage folks from all over to come and enjoy the event we're planning. To have it all come off without a hitch, we'll need volunteers for the following important assignments:

Volunteers Needed for the following Assignments:

- Grounds Co-Chair - Work with chair to prepare, set up, clean up and tear down site.
- Hospitality Chair - Plan and hold club hospitality event at host hotel on Saturday evening. Plan and conduct hospitality at show site both days.
- Hospitality Co-Chair - Assist Chair in planning hospitality events for exhibitors at host hotel and show site both days.
- Raffle Chair - Seek donations and set up raffle event on Saturday, winners pulled noon on Sunday.
- Raffle Co-Chair - Assist Chair with club raffle event.
- 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 (carriage_hills@yahoo.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! Jodi

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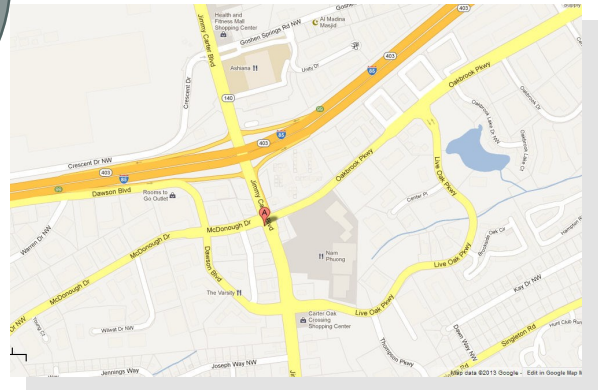
MARCH CLUB MEETING

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 19th

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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AKC NEW POINT SCHEDULE

AS OF MAY 15, 2013

AKC Point Schedule	1 point		2 points		3 points		4 points		5 points	
States	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
DIVISION 3 District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia.	2	2↓	8	11↓	13	19↓	28↓	40↓	56↓	80↓
DIVISION 4 Florida, Georgia, South Carolina	2	2	11	14↑	19	24↑	27↓	36↑	38↑	55↑
DIVISION 14 Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi.	2	2	6↑	7↑	12↑	14↑	14	17↑	19↑	22↑

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HOW DO I GET STARTED IN AKC DOG SHOWS, TRIALS AND TESTS?

Training and socialization doesn't stop with puppyhood it's something your dog needs throughout his life to keep his mind sharp and his body in good physical condition. Now that your puppy has graduated from his first obedience class or your dog has earned his Canine Good Citizen® certificate, what's next? One of the best ways to keep your dog engaged mentally and physically for the rest of his life is getting started in AKC events. Did you know that training your dog for competition actually deepens the canine-human bond you share? Plus it's fun to meet lots of dog owners who love the same activities as you and your dog.

How Do I Get Started in AKC Dog Shows, Trials and Tests?

The best way to start is to join a local dog-training club. You can search www.akc.org for a complete list of clubs across the country. Local clubs frequently offer training classes for all different types of competition. Even if competition is not your ultimate goal, the relationship that training forms between you and your dog will be very rewarding. Local clubs also have "fun matches," where you and your dog can test your skills in the ring. Training and handling your dog in any AKC Event is an exceptional and enjoyable experience. From your first attempted show, test or trial to earning your first AKC title, you and your dog will develop a bond. Training classes offer the best hands-on way to practice for the ring or field, and watching competitors at actual events will gain you expertise. These events bring many hours of fun for you and your dog. You will make lots of friends in the sport, and you and your dog will take pleasure in your new hobby for many years to come.

OBEDIENCE, RALLY, AGILITY TRIALS OR THE COURSING ABILITY TEST

All dogs are eligible to compete in Obedience, Rally, or Agility trials or the Coursing Ability Test.

Your dog must have an AKC number via one of the following:

- AKC Registration as one of the 175 recognized breeds.
- AKC Canine Partners program enrollment. A program for mixed-breed dogs and dogs ineligible for AKC registration.
- Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program. A program for purebred dogs that cannot be fully registered with the AKC to participate in AKC events.
- Foundation Stock Service® (FSS). Recorded breeds on the road to full AKC recognition.

Getting Started in Obedience:

Obedience trials showcase dogs that have been trained and conditioned to behave well in the home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs.

AKC Obedience trials allow exhibitors and their dogs to enjoy companionship and competition as they proudly earn AKC titles.

Dog and handler teams are judged on how closely they match the judge's mental picture of a theoretically perfect performance as they execute a series of specified exercises. Accuracy and precision are essential, but the natural movement of the handler and the willingness and enjoyment of the dog are very important. Each level of obedience competition — novice,

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open, and utility — requires mastering a specific skill set, which increase in difficulty, before advancing to the next level.

Most AKC clubs conduct a variety of classes instructed by trainers who have won awards in obedience competition with their own dogs, and they make sure to stay up-to-date on the latest training techniques. They have experience training all breeds of dogs and can help solve behavior problems. Most clubs accept all types of dogs, mixed breeds and purebreds, and prospective students are usually welcome to observe a class before signing up for a training course.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT OBEDIENCE HERE](#)

Getting Started in AKC Rally®:

AKC Rally® is a companion sport to AKC Obedience. Both require teamwork between dog and handler along with similar performance skills. Rally provides an excellent introduction to AKC Events for new dogs and handlers and can provide a challenging opportunity for competitors in other events to strengthen their skills. The dog and handler team move at their own pace, very similar to rally-style auto racing. Rally was designed with the traditional pet owner in mind, but it can still be very challenging for those who enjoy higher levels of competition. A rally course includes 10 to 20 stations, depending on the level. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience. Communication from the handler to the dog is encouraged and there should be a sense of teamwork and enthusiasm as they go through the course.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT RALLY](#)

Getting Started in Agility:

Running a dog in an agility trial is the ultimate game for you and your dog. In an agility trial, a dog demonstrates its agile nature and versatility by following cues from the handler through a timed obstacle course of jumps, tunnels, weave poles and other objects.

It's an activity that strengthens the bond between dog and handler and provides fun and exercise for both, which might explain why it's so enjoyable to watch and has become the fastest-growing dog sport in the United States!

There are several types of classes offered at an agility trial: Standard, Jumpers with Weaves, Fifteen And Send Time (FAST) and Preferred. The Standard class has contact obstacles, which have yellow "contact zones" at each end. Contact obstacles include A-frame, dog walk and seesaw. The dog must place a least one paw in the contact zone in order not to receive a fault. This encourages safety in training and in running the course. The Standard class also has a variety of jumps; weave poles, pause table, tunnels and a closed tunnel. The Jumpers with Weaves class does not have contact obstacles or a pause table to slow the team's forward momentum. This is a very fast course requiring instant decisions by the handler and close attention from the dog.

Agility is a time and fault sport where the qualifying requirements are more challenging as the competition class levels get higher. There are two types of faults: time and penalty. Time faults are given for every second a dog goes over the Standard Course Time as set by the length of the course.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT AGILITY](#)

Getting Started in the Coursing Ability Test:

The Coursing Ability Test (CAT) is an introductory event fashioned after the sport lure coursing. It will provide a fun and



healthy activity attractive to many dog owners. The test is a non-competitive pass / fail event with dogs run singularly. The (CAT) is for any dog of any breed, including mixed-breeds, as long as it is at least 1 year old and individually registered or listed with AKC.

To pass the test, a dog running alone must pursue a lure, completing the course with enthusiasm and without interruption within a given time. Most dogs will chase a lure and have fun in the process. Dogs that pass the CAT three times will earn a Coursing Ability (CA) title. Ten passes and a dog earns a Coursing Ability Advanced (CAA) title, and 25 passes results in a Coursing Ability Excellent (CAX) title.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CAT](#)

DOG SHOWS

Purebred dogs are eligible to compete in Conformation Dog Shows. Your dog must have an AKC number via one of the following:

- AKC Registration as one of the 175 recognized breeds.
- Foundation Stock Service® (FSS). Recorded breeds on the road to full AKC recognition.

Getting Started in Conformation:

Dog shows (conformation events) are intended to evaluate breeding stock. The size of these events ranges from large all-breed shows, with over 3,000 dogs entered, to small local specialty club shows, featuring a specific breed. The dog's conformation (overall appearance and structure), an indication of the dog's ability to produce quality purebred puppies, is judged, thus spayed or neutered dogs or mixed-breeds are not eligible to compete.

Many times a new exhibitor will get their start at dog shows by finding a mentor, usually the breeder they acquired the puppy from. Many AKC clubs also offer "handling" classes to teach owners how to present their purebred dog to a judge at a dog show. Dogs must be at least 6 months old to enter a dog show.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT DOG SHOWS](#)

TRACKING, TRIALS AND HUNT TESTS

Purebred dogs are eligible to compete in Field Trials and Tests. Your dog must have an AKC number via one of the following:

- AKC Registration as one of the 174 recognized breeds.
- Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program. A program for purebred dogs that cannot be fully registered with the AKC to participate in AKC events.
- Foundation Stock Service® (FSS). Recorded breeds on the road to full AKC recognition.

Getting Started in Tracking:

Dogs have a very keen sense of smell – 100,000 times stronger than humans! Dogs with the help of their noses are often



used to find lost people and animals, drugs, avalanche and disaster victims, and even to detect cancer! AKC Tracking is a canine sport that demonstrates a dog's natural ability to recognize and follow a scent and is the foundation of canine search and rescue work. Unlike obedience and rally trials, where dogs respond to the handler's commands, in tracking the dog is completely in charge, for only he knows how to use his nose to find and follow the track. For many, the greatest pleasure of tracking is the hours spent outside training and interacting with their dogs. The tracking community is known for its camaraderie and they all share in the excitement of a "pass" and the disappointment of a "fail."

Getting started in tracking is easy and you won't find a more willing participant than your dog! A puppy instinctively uses his nose – training your dog to track simply hones his natural ability.

And since all dogs have a natural ability to follow a scent, any breed is capable of learning to track. Your first step is finding a tracking class or an instructor who is experienced in the sport.

You just need a harness, a 20- to 40-foot lead, a few flags to mark your track, and an open grassy area free of obstacles such as roads, ditches or woods. Before you enter a Tracking Dog Test (TD), you must have the dog certified by an AKC-approved or provisional judge. This certification form must accompany the entry form. Once you and your dog are ready, find a tracking event in your area by going to the AKC Events Calendar on the AKC website.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT TRACKING](#)

Getting Started in Field Trials and Hunt Tests for Pointing Breeds, Spaniels, Retrievers, Hounds:

The best way to get involved in any of the breed specific field trials or hunt or instinct tests is to find a local club and start training your dog.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT FIELD TRIALS AND HUNT TESTS](#)

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UC Davis

EARLY NEUTERING STUDY

Neutering, and the age at which a dog is neutered, may affect the animal's risk for developing certain cancers and joint diseases, according to a new study of golden retrievers by a team of researchers at the University of California, Davis.

The study, which examined the health records of 759 golden retrievers, found a surprising doubling of hip dysplasia among male dogs neutered before one year of age. This and other results were published Feb. 13 in the [online scientific journal PLOS ONE](#).

"The study results indicate that dog owners and service-dog trainers should carefully consider when to have their male or female dogs neutered," said lead investigator Benjamin Hart, a distinguished professor emeritus in the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

"It is important to remember, however, that because different dog breeds have different vulnerabilities to various diseases, the effects of early and late neutering also may vary from breed to breed," he said.

While results of the new study are revealing, Hart said the relationship between neutering and disease-risk remains a complex issue. For example, the increased incidence of joint diseases among early-neutered dogs is likely a combination of the effect of neutering on the young dog's growth plates as well as the increase in weight on the joints that is commonly seen in neutered dogs.

Dog owners in the United States are overwhelmingly choosing to neuter their dogs, in large part to prevent pet overpopulation or avoid unwanted behaviors. In the U.S., surgical neutering — known as spaying in females — is usually done when the dog is less than one year old.

In Europe, however, neutering is generally avoided by owners and trainers and not promoted by animal health authorities, Hart said.

During the past decade, some studies have indicated that neutering can have several adverse health effects for certain dog breeds. Those studies examined individual diseases using data drawn from one breed or pooled from several breeds.

Against that backdrop, Hart and colleagues launched their study, using a single hospital database. The study was designed to examine the effects of neutering on the risks of several diseases in the same breed, distinguishing between males and females and between early or late neutering and non-neutering.

The researchers chose to focus on the golden retriever because it is one of the most popular breeds in the U.S. and Europe and is vulnerable to various cancers and joint disorders. The breed also is favored for work as a service dog.

The research team reviewed the records of female and male golden retrievers, ranging in age from 1 to 8 years, that had been examined at UC Davis' William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital for two joint disorders and three cancers: hip dysplasia, cranial cruciate ligament tear, lymphosarcoma, hemangiosarcoma and mast cell tumor. The dogs were classified as intact (not neutered), neutered early (before 12 months age), or neutered late (at or after 12 months age).

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Joint disorders and cancers are of particular interest because neutering removes the male dog's testes and the female's ovaries, interrupting production of certain hormones that play key roles in important body processes such as closure of bone growth plates, and regulation of the estrous cycle in female dogs.

The study revealed that, for all five diseases analyzed, the disease rates were significantly higher in both males and females that were neutered either early or late compared with intact (non-neutered) dogs.

Specifically, early neutering was associated with an increase in the occurrence of hip dysplasia, cranial cruciate ligament tear and lymphosarcoma in males and of cranial cruciate ligament tear in females. Late neutering was associated with the subsequent occurrence of mast cell tumors and hemangiosarcoma in females.

In most areas, the findings of this study were consistent with earlier studies, suggesting similar increases in disease risks. The new study, however, was the first to specifically report an increased risk of late neutering for mast cell tumors and hemangiosarcoma.

Furthermore, the new study showed a surprising 100 percent increase, or doubling, of the incidence of hip dysplasia among early-neutered males. Earlier studies had reported a 17 percent increase among all neutered dogs compared to all non-neutered dogs, indicating the importance of the new study in making gender and age-of-neutering comparisons.

Other researchers on this UC Davis study were: Gretel Torres de la Riva, Thomas Farver and Lynette Hart, School of Veterinary Medicine; Anita Oberbauer, Department of Animal Science; Locksley Messam, Department of Public Health Sciences; and Neil Willits, Department of Statistics.

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AKC Canine Health Foundation

One of the greatest challenges for the researchers working to prevent, treat and cure canine disease is recruiting participation in research projects. You and your dog may be able to help move research forward by providing a DNA sample or enrolling in a clinical trial.

Providing DNA generally requires shipping a blood sample to the researcher. Some veterinarians will discount the blood draw if it is being used to support research. Enrolling in a clinical trial brings with it a commitment to follow through on therapies and testing. The benefits can include access to cutting-edge medicine and the chance to help future generations of dogs.

Current requests for participation include:

- DNA samples from Cleft Lip/Palate affected dogs and relatives
- Clinical trial for dogs with Immune Mediated Polyarthropathy
- Clinical trial for experimental therapeutic to prevent Diabetic Cataracts
- Blood and urine samples from dogs with Leptospirosis

View the [complete list of studies needing participation](#)*. Each study has unique requirements, so please contact the laboratory listed if you have questions about a specific project.

And don't forget that samples are always being accepted by the [Canine Health Information Center DNA Repository](#) and the [Canine Comparative Oncology and Genomics Consortium](#).

From all of us at the AKC Canine Health Foundation, thank you for considering participating in research!

**The AKC Canine Health Foundation ensures studies are Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approved and provide standard informed owner consent information before publicizing requests for participation. Not all projects listed are funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the inclusion of information about studies does not necessarily imply a recommendation for participation. This list is provided as a service to dog owners and breeders*

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LEGISLATION

[Friday, March 1, 2013]

http://www.akc.org/press_center/article.cfm?article_id=4867

Federal "PUPS" legislation (S 395/HR 847), sponsored by Sen. Richard Durbin (D-Ill.) and Rep. Jim Gerlach has been reintroduced in the U.S. Congress and assigned to the House and Senate Agriculture committees. The bill is substantially the same as previous versions introduced in 2011 and 2010, which never received committee hearings.

The AKC continues to express grave concerns about this measure. The AKC believes that all dog breeding programs should be undertaken responsibly and does not oppose the concept of regulating high volume breeder-retailers. However, as currently written, the definitions proposed in this bill are misleading, overly broad, and potentially damaging to small responsible breeders who individually maintain and breed only a few dogs in their homes.

Although the stated purpose of PUPS is to regulate *internet* sales of puppies, S 395/HR 847 as currently written would require *anyone* who owns or co-owns even a few female dogs that *collectively* produce 50 or more puppies offered for sale in a year to be regulated under existing USDA dog "dealer" regulations. **These regulations are designed for high-volume commercial kennels that produce puppies for wholesale or research, and require a USDA commercial license, maintenance of specified commercial kennel engineering standards and regular inspections.** These requirements are not appropriate for small breeders who may keep only a few dogs in their homes.

AKC's specific concerns with PUPS include the following:

- Defines "high volume retail breeder" as someone with "an ownership interest in or custody of one or more breeding female dogs". This definition is overly broad and does not take into account co- and joint ownerships common among dog owners, dog show participants, hunting club members, sporting dog trainers and other hobbyists. This would hurt many small hobby breeders who keep or breed only a few dogs in their homes by subjecting them to commercial standards of regulation as a result of agreements they maintain with other small breeders.
- Defines "high volume retail breeder" as someone with "an ownership interest in or custody of one or more breeding female dogs". Because the threshold for regulation is based on the number of dogs bred and sold, any reference to the number of dogs owned or in custody is unnecessary and potentially misleading.
- Defines "breeding female" as an intact female dog aged 4 months or older. This is misleading and implies that a female dog may be bred at 4 months. Female dogs are not sufficiently mature at 4 months of age to be bred and should not be deemed "breeding females".
- Exercise language should be clarified with respect to the terms "solitary and goal oriented" to ensure that the daily exercise requirements do not preclude training that involves other types of wholesome activity that could fall under this definition (e.g., playing fetch, field training for hunting dogs, or the responsible use of treadmills for keeping canine athletes in top physical condition).
- PUPS would exponentially expand the pool of breeders regulated and inspected by the Animal Care Division of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal, Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS). *However, a May 2010 audit of this program by the USDA's own Inspector General demonstrated that the existing inspections program is insufficient to carry out current responsibilities.* AKC believes these issues and full funding for the current program and enforcement of current laws should be addressed before attempting to exponentially expand the program's responsibilities and workload.

AKC encourages you to respectfully share these reasonable concerns about the potential damaging consequences of this bill

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with your member of Congress.

To contact your Congressional representative, visit www.house.gov and enter your zip code in the "Find Your Representative" box at the top of the page.

To contact your two Senators, visit www.senate.gov and select your state in the "Find Your Senators" box at the top of the page.

AKC and AKC's federal representatives will continue to closely monitor and keep you up to date on this measure.

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LAB YARD SALE



**Good
deals!**

Hear Ye, Hear Ye- Sumo Labradors is giving up the local place finally! A huge estate sale is scheduled for the first full weekend in April (4-7).

On SUNDAY, MARCH 31 from 10AM - 5PM , (prior to that Estate Sale weekend), all GALRC members and anyone else dedicated to Labradors is invited to a pre-sale. A list of many of the items available on Sunday will ready the Monday before. Items include everything from a myriad of whelping, puppy, adult and health care supplies

and equipment; kennel supplies like pails, x-pens, crates, etc., jewelry, clothing and Labrador decorated items; furniture, etc. Some will be free, some modestly priced, and all good bargains. Everything is being given up in the need to reduce this big house's furnishings to fit into a much smaller condo. Cash only or checks from friends. Come one and all -- clear me out to lighten my load in the move to Denver! Can't wait to see you. 770-469-1143. Patty Block and the Sumo Critters

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