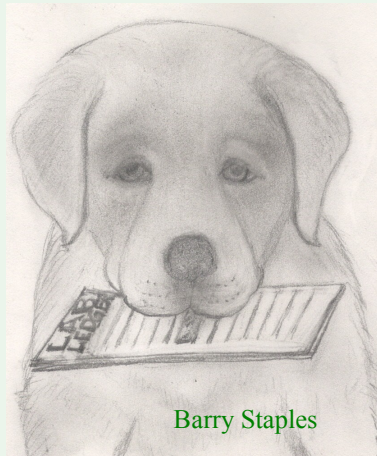


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is a hard letter to write, but write it I must. Our club is in trouble money wise and a lack of members willing to volunteer.

Next years Specialty is in peril, and we need to come up with \$3500 before the Fall to be able to hold it. We need ideas to come up with that money, and people to help pull it together. We need to expand our Club to include other activities to attract new members.

Our dogs are one of the most versatile breeds there is. I feel our club needs to take a more versatile approach.

The board is trying to find solutions. We are looking at other venues to hold the Specialty. We are looking to be our own show chair. But these are going to save money for the year after next –not to hold next year's.

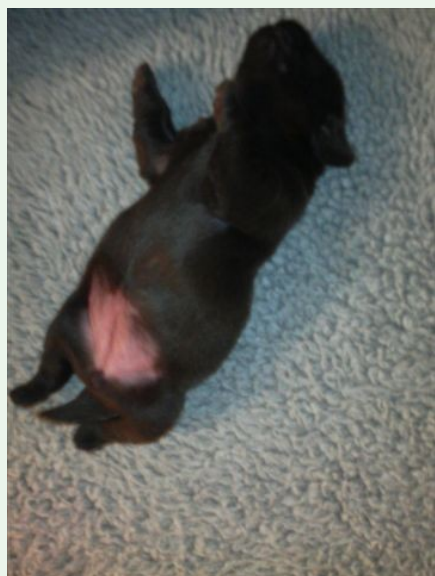
So please think about this and try to think of ways for the club to make some money. Also think about ways you can help us. The core group is getting tired of doing the majority of the work.

Thanks to everyone for pulling this years Specialty - Linda, Shannon, Flo and her Dad, Lisa, Carl and Lundi. Thank you Jodi and Neil for the nice spread for hospitality on Saturday.

I know we can do this if we pull together and overcome this bump in the road.
Earl

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Dr. Jean Hickman - a total surprise singleton! Three vets confirmed via x-ray no pups! Story on page 7.

MEET YOUR MEMBERS!

I suppose I should say that my Labs have loved me back to health!

I was given my first Lab, Sam, in 1996. He was so far out of standard size-wise, but in all other ways he was a true Lab, especially his temperament and spirit. In 1997, he became my rehab dog as I struggled to recover from the effects of a coma. He steadied me as I relearned to walk, and in order to relearn how to read, I began to look at photos of Labs, studied pedigrees, and read breed books. When I began to write again (I had been a journalist and then freelance editor/writer for many years), I naturally wrote about Sam. I began to train and compete in rally to help with balance and coordination problems, and Sam earned his first title when he was almost 10 years old.

Today I am a columnist and member of the Editorial Advisory Committee for *Front and Finish* magazine (I write about and for novice competitors); I've covered the Westminster Kennel Club show; I've contributed to the *Gazette* and several canine websites and newspapers. My first book, a breed book on the Labrador Retriever, will be published later this year by TFH Publishing.

We added other Labs to the family, and I continue to compete in rally and obedience. We also became involved in Happy Tails Pet-Assisted Therapy, since Sam had been so good for me, and visited senior centers and Alzheimer's units. My yellow Lab, Gracie, also earned several obedience and rally titles prior to her retirement, and she continues to serve on a Happy Tails "special events" team; last summer we spent one day a week at a day camp for children with developmental disabilities. I have an up-and-coming black bitch in training, and this is one that I expect to do some field training with in addition to agility and obedience. And, I hope to add a male to our pack this year or next.

I've been a member of the club for years, tho not particularly "active" since I don't have a conformation dog/bitch; you'll typically see me hanging around and asking questions, or soliciting and hauling auction/raffle donations. I would love to see the GALRC add obedience competitions to our specialty; I know a few of us are willing to work on those events for the club.

Y'all have fun with your Labs -- I know I do!

Linda Rehkopf



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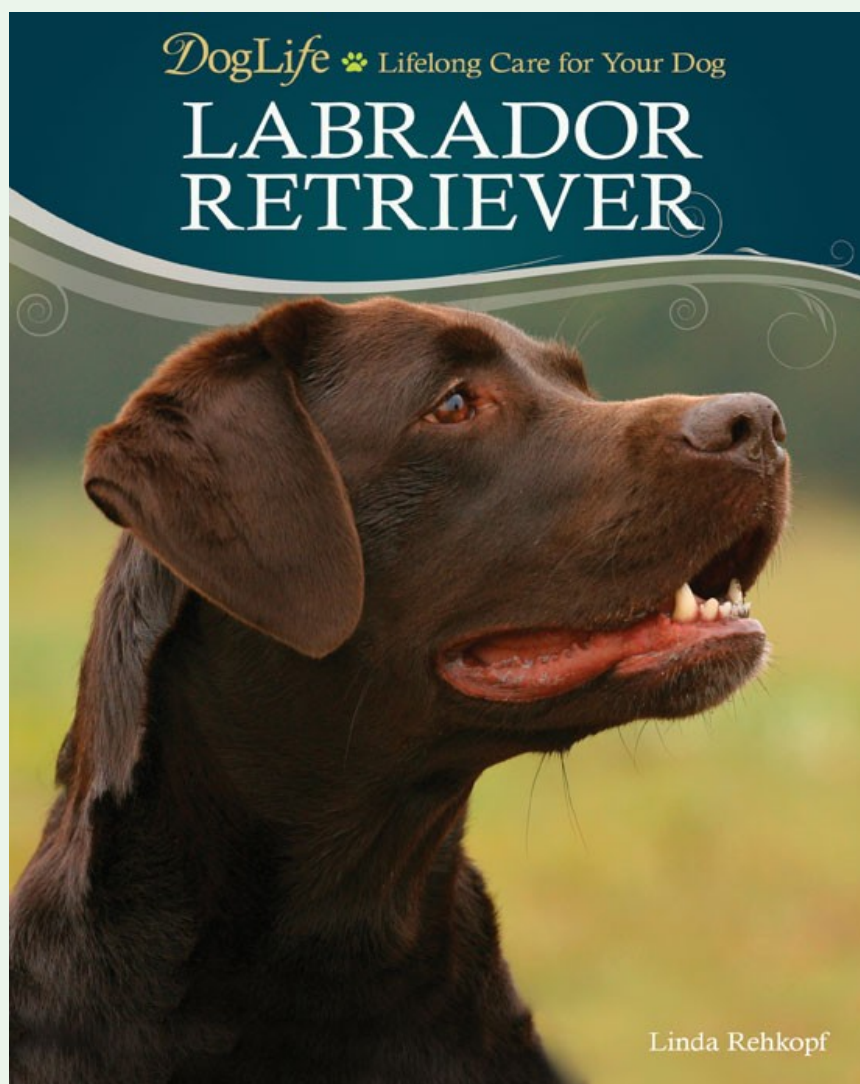
MEET YOUR MEMBERS! CONT.

Hi to all my friends and family,

I know it's March, the weather is nasty (depending on where you live), and life is busy. This is just a short note to let you all know that my first book, "DogLife: Labrador Retriever," from T.F.H. Publishing will go on sale in August. I've just seen the cover art, and it features a big beautiful chocolate Labrador retriever, along with my name (OMG!). I'll send a blast just prior to the release on Amazon.com. I hope to have some local signings with my two Labs in tow, of course. Many thanks for your help as I wrote this book, and thanks for this indulgence.

Best,

Linda Rehkopf





REMINDER

Final Dues Reminder - We miss you!

The following members have not paid their 2010 dues. This will be the last newsletter you receive unless your dues(\$20 individual, \$25 household) are received by 4/10/10.

Sharlene Cook
Robin Ernstes
Jean Hairston
Cheryl Little
Jonathan Lockhurst
Jennifer and Kelley Messes
Rosa Lee Rogers
Kaye C. Stevenson
Gregg and Deborah Tonkin
Tom and Karlene Turkington
Debbie Wahlman
Joyce Woods

Please make your checks payable to GALRC and forward to Kristine Hampson, 919 Mountain Top Dr., Marietta GA 30062. Be sure to notify us of any changes in your contact information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

The GALRC depends on its members, please consider keeping your membership valid!!!

Julia Kuni
Corresponding Sec.
plumtreejk@aol.com

EVENT



“B” MATCH, EYE & MICROCHIP CLINIC SUNDAY, APRIL 25th, 2010

LOCATION: Carriage Hill Labradors - Alpharetta, GA

Come One, Come all!

- **CERF Clinic:** DR. CHARLES MARTIN, DVM will be conducting CERF exams **beginning at 1pm**. Dogs will be examined on a first come, first serve basis. Please email Carol Quaif by April 17th at careenna@bellsouth.net with the number of dogs you are planning on having evaluated to give an estimate to Dr. Martin prior to the event.

Pricing: **GALRC Members:** \$32 for the 1st dog, \$28 for each additional dog.
Non-Members: \$35 for each dog
****CASH ONLY****

- **MICROCHIP Clinic:** HomeAgain microchips will be available to be implanted in your dog **beginning at 1pm** as a form of permanent identification as required by AKC or in the event your pet is lost. Microchips are available on a first come, first serve basis and are available in limited quantities.

Pricing: **GALRC Members:** \$15 per dog
Non-Members: \$20 per dog + registry
****CASH ONLY****

- **SANCTIONED “B” MATCH.** A GREAT way to socialize your puppy!
 - Registration: 1pm - 3:30pm. **Match begins at 3:30 pm.**
 - Entry Fee: \$10 per entry ****CASH ONLY****
 - Classes: Conformation ONLY. 3-6 MO., 6-9 MO., 9 – 12 MO. & Adult.
 - Judge: Neil Martin (Carriage Hill)

DIRECTIONS:

- 400 North or South to exit 12B (McFarland Road – Westbound).
- Head west on McFarland for approximately 2 miles and turn right onto Hwy 9 (Alpharetta Highway/Atlanta Hwy). Go north ½ mile and turn left onto Francis Road (CVS on corner). Stay on Francis for ½ mile and turn right onto Thompson Road. Take Thompson Road approx. 2 miles, and turn right onto Burgess Road (Dirt Road). The first entrance on the right is the barn entrance for Carriage Hill Labradors. Parking will be on grass along the fence. House Phone: 770-777-0692 if you need directions or get lost.

All dogs attending these events must be current on all vaccinations and healthy.
 All dogs must be on a leash and under the control of their owners at all times.

The only form of payment accepted at this event will be CASH.
Sorry, no personal checks can be accepted.

MEETING MINUTES

GALRC General Meeting

The 2/6/2010 meeting was held at the Atlanta Exposition Center. The meeting was called to order at 10:25am by President Earl Carlton.

Corresponding Secretary reported that she will follow up on Membership dues. There are quite a few members that have not renewed yet.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Membership: No applications have been received.

Unfinished Business: Final preparations for the 2010 Specialty show were discussed including judges' transportation, dinner and Saturday's hospitality for exhibitors.

New Business: As respects the 2011 Specialty, Carol reported that Janet Farmilette and Winnie Linbourne have accepted the assignments. Carol is still working down the list of Sweeps judges. We continue to have trouble getting sweeps judges due to the limited expense allocation. Shannon volunteered to judge and we agreed to have her as one of Sweeps judges. Carol will touch base with Steve Kirshner and Heidi Herman to see if either is available for Sunday.

As respects the 2010 Fun Match, there was some discussion about other possible dates due to the April show schedule with Potomac and the Montgomery shows. We ultimately decided to have the match on 4/25/2010. It will be at Neil and Jodi Martin's house. The following rates were agreed upon:

Match - \$10

CERF – Members \$32 for the first dog, \$28 for the second dog

Nonmembers \$35 for the first dog and \$30 for the second.

Microchips: Members \$15 and Nonmembers \$20. No breaks for multiple dogs.

As respects the club website, we discussed the lack of cooperation from the current host. A number of revisions were requested when the site went up, but never implemented. Earl will contact the host, and if we can't get any satisfaction, we'll explore alternatives.

Members attending the meeting were Earl and Shannon Carlton, Linda Jordan, Carol Quaif, Julia Kuni, Florence Jones, Dale and Barry Staples, Lisa Sobosz, Kaye Stevenson and guest Lynette Loefler.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted by Florence Jones



HADIYA (Gift)

Night One

Hookah was resistant, the pup reluctant, and I was terribly stiff from spending a couple of hours on the floor in the whelping box trying to get new mom and the pup coordinated. Before a newborn puppy will eat or be comfortable it needs help to pee and poop.

Now I had been given orders from SGM "No dogs on the bed." But he is in Kuwait.

Dam the Torpedoes, Full Speed ahead, and away we went upstairs.

Tossing the decorator pillows on the floor, I threw a washable cotton blanket on the bed and figured this would be a long night but at least I could be more comfortable.

Long night indeed!

Poor Hookah had no idea what to do with the squirming wiggly squeaky thing that I put on the king sized bed. After several failed attempts she finally got the feeding idea.

BUT Now I need to tell you about Hookah. She has a Pica fetish (eats poop) in the yard, but not on the bed. So with Kleenex in hand I cleaned up droppings that first night. At least most of the time hookah got the wee -wee correct while I caught the rest.

Every hour and sometimes in between the pup wanted to be made comfortable and nurse. She made sure we heard her. Neither of us got much sleep. Next morning to the whelping box in the kitchen they went. Hookah? She slept most of the day.

NIGHT TWO

Although the feeding - potty routine was improving I didn't want to take a chance, so with pup in hand upstairs we went.

Once on the bed Hookah and the pup settled in. With the decorator pillows and euro shams still on the floor she opted for the bed pillows-all of them. The pup settled down on a variable demand schedule. She would squeak, Hookah would cooperate.

Eventually I fell asleep watching the late late only to be awakened by squeaks of hunger, or a squirming little pup curling up to my back, or Hookah pushing me to one corner of the bed.

Around 0200 the newborn wanted to eat - that was easy. I just shoved her up to a snoring Hookah. Although I shook and shook her eyes wouldn't open and the pup kept squalling potty time-potty time. Finally her tongue started licking but the eyes never opened.

Around 0400 I awoke to a plopping sound. The pup had scooted off the bed. I rushed off the bed and around to the other side fearful of what I would find. Remember those Euro shams and decorator pillows? There she was fast asleep on the Euro sham. Rosie keeps telling me but now I know for sure, Puppies have guarding angels.

Dr. Jean Hickam 17 March 2010



Dear NLRC Member:

We have a new edition of the Labrador Connection at the NLRC website that you can read online by following the links at the NLRC (www.nationallabradorretrieverclub.com) website to the March 2010 Newsletter or go directly to the Newsletter by clicking [here](#).

Our March 2010 newsletter discusses the need for dog breeders to unite against new legislation that comes up for vote, lists the donations that you have made possible as a member of the NLRC, questions blindly following a veterinarians advice when it comes to nutrition and this issue contains a thoughtful article on human perception of dog activity.

Any comments, suggestions or input is always welcomed.

If you know of an interesting article you'd like to see shared in the newsletter, do not hesitate to forward it to us (after you've acquired the author's permission of course!)

Do you have brags, awards or events you would like to announce? Send it to us for the next issue! All submissions and contributions welcomed.

Sincerely,
Sandra Underhill
NLRC Newsletter, March 2010 e-edition of the Labrador Connection

PUP SEARCH, OLDERS AND PUPS

A training friend in metro Atlanta is looking for a Lab pup, pet quality, preferably chocolate but not set on color. Can you put the word out? I unfortunately do not have the club member emails. Those who want to respond can email directly to Gay Berry, goldenchik@bellsouth.net

Many thanks,
Linda Rehkopf

We got a Black female Lab back from a previous placement and need to find a great home for her. Her name is June, born 8/13/06 to Java and Paddy. She is a sweet, loving girl and is craves attention and affection. She is crate trained and leash broken, but not spayed. She is pet quality only. Her only problem is she is a "runner" and has to have a fenced in yard as she goes through an invisible fence. Let me know if you or someone you know may be interested in her. I am flexible on the price, but selective on the placement as she deserves a great home!

Marian Gardner
Dewberries Labradors

Black pups both male and female from Sourwood's Moonlite N Magnolias and CH Godiva's Rocky River of Kiwi. DOB 1/8/2010

Sylvia Gay
www.sourwoodlabs.com
706-219-2335

Just a quick note to thank everyone for the referrals you've been sending our way for puppies.

Out of the litter of 10 - we've got four puppies sold.

We had planned and will be keeping two girls to run on as this is Mae's last litter. Also, we will be donating two puppies to Canine Assistants.

That leaves one boy and one girl (both black) available. They turned 6 weeks old today.

If you should happen to get calls for blacks, they will be ready to go beginning the weekend of April 3rd.

Thanks again for all your support.

Jodi
Neil & Jodi Martin
Carriage Hill Labradors
www.carriagehilllabs.com

We have black males and females ready to go home now. We also have a rescue litter if blacks and chocolates that are 1 week old. If a good puppy prospect shows up who simply can't afford a high dollar dog, send them my way. I screen adoptive homes for rescues carefully, so no obvious losers please!

Karlene Turkington
tarkom@gmail.com

We have newborn pups, 3/23/09 with chocolates and blacks. Dam is Dewberries Piccolo and sire is Dewberries Gumbo.

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