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

September 2012

This year has seemed to go very quickly. It is almost time for the October specialty and supported entry. Thanks to our Officers and Directors for their help and to all our members for their support over the past year. We will have our annual meeting Saturday 30 minutes after the Best of Breed competition at the show site. Please plan to attend if you can.

On a different note, we have passed a resolution at our last meeting to adopt the LRC's position on "dilute" gene Labradors and to have it posted on our website. The LRC's position is posted on their website in an article by Fran Smith, DVM, entitled Another "Designer" Dog.

Doctor Smith concludes that it is the position of the LRC that the "silver" Labrador is not a purebred dog. (These colors seem to also include by implication the "champagne", and "charcoal" Labradors.) Her conclusion is based on the impossibility of the dilute gene in coat color of black or chocolate in purebred Labradors. Variations in yellow coat do not depend on any dilute gene but rather on modifiers of the yellow gene.

Doctor Smith says that the public is being "duped" into thinking that they are buying a purebred, rare, and desirable animal commanding a premium price. She also notes that the AKC has registered some "silver" labs apparently under the rationale that the silver coat is some shade of chocolate. (Dr. Smith states that the original breeders of "silver" labs were involved with Weimaraner, the breed that carries the dilute gene. She states that it might not show up for several generations of breeding) Lately, we have seen and heard warnings from breeders concerning websites advertising champion Labradors in Designer colors.

This "dilute" coat question creates a problem for us as breeders of the only recognized colors (black, yellow and chocolate) in several ways. The marketing of these designer dogs as purebred for a premium price when they are not recognized by our parent club or us as purebred is troubling. The AKC registering these dogs as purebred when the LRC says they are not is equally troubling. (Apparently they have been registered as black or chocolate.) Owners (and maybe breeders) of these dogs who have purchased them with AKC registration and a "dilute" color must be equally frustrated now by a decision that says their "purebred" dogs are not purebred and therefore their coat color would be a disqualification in a conformation show.

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I requested a clarification from the AKC on how these designer dogs could be registered if not purebred or if they were in fact purebred or why would our parent club determine they were not. I have not heard back and don't really expect to.

This is not just elitism by the LRC. The LRC determines the standard for Labradors including what is acceptable as coat color. They have determined that it is black, yellow and chocolate only.

The AKC may have registered these dogs in the mistaken belief that they were traditional yellow, black or chocolate, without any knowledge of their coat color except a check marked box.

The owners of these dogs may have thought with good reason that as being registered they were purebred Labradors.

Friends, what we have here is a good old fashioned mess.

It is hard for us as breeders to advocate the LRC standard that there are only three recognized coat colors in purebred Labradors, when the AKC, the body responsible for registration of purebred dogs, is registering as purebred dogs with other coat colors. Having now adopted the position of our Parent club, we could assist the LRC in identifying the Labradors which are nonconforming and unacceptable to them as purebred. The LRC should then deliver those identified to the AKC and demand it to withdraw their registration as purebred, then prevent the registration of their get.

My best guess is that none of that is going to happen, so just tell everyone you know that the LRC does not recognize any other color but black, yellow and chocolate in pure bred labs.

Barry Staples

D I L U T E D L A B S

The new Dilute Labrador Education Site is now up and running this week. This site is supported by Labrador Breeders and clubs around the world. Dr. Fran Smith @ LRC gave permission to publish her article on Silvers/dilute as well as others who have greatly contributed their time and research to make this happen. The goal of this site is to provide education to persons not knowing the real history behind Silver/Dilute Labradors and is an effort to prevent any more damage to our breed and those perpetuating this faulty color.

We need your input! As a breeder or Labrador owner yourself. Can you spare 5 minutes and submit a brief endorsement on why you only support the official recognized colors of black, yellow and chocolate? To see some examples of Endorsements, please go to: <http://www.notosilverlabradors.com/endorsements.html> You may email your endorsement directly to notosilverlabradors@gmail.com and in the subject line put "My endorsement against silver Labradors".

I am asking this on behalf of all the wonderful people that have taken time out of their busy and hectic lives to preserve our wonderful breed.

Thanks in Advance!!

Teresa

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ACTIVITIES REPORT

GALRC Activities

Submitted by Linda Rehkopf, recording secretary

The GALRC participated in a Responsible Dog Ownership Day (RDO) on September 8 at Wills Park in Alpharetta, GA.

Sponsored by the Atlanta Kennel Club and the Combined Specialty Clubs of Atlanta, this fun day for dog owners and potential purebred dog owners included an AKC conformation match, handling classes, Junior Showmanship classes, CGC testing, and education booths by the specialty clubs.

We didn't have a "booth" or even a table, but my old girl Gracie and I made the rounds of the grounds and spoke to several visitors. Gracie, in true Labrador fashion, gave lots of licks and received belly rubs. More than one person asked about her coat (a true double coat), and I launched into discussions about the acceptable coat colors.

I sent a thank you note to the coordinator, Darcy Quinlan with the Atlanta Kennel Club, and offered our club members' expertise on future education programs. We hope to have a table with Labrador retriever pamphlets and other educational materials at the RDO Day next year.

This satisfies one of the AKC requirements for education programs for the GALRC.

As an aside, sadly, our Gracie made her way to the Rainbow Bridge two days later, on Monday, Sept. 10, 2012. She was almost 13 years old. She was Kisatchie Grace The Cover CD RE ASCA-CD and retired therapy dog extraordinaire.

The Georgia Canine Coalition will meet in October. Several Georgia legislative bills are being watched, in particular items that were held over from the 2012 session. The Coalition is watching changes to the Dangerous Dog Bill, state cruelty laws, and the continuing saga of the vet, groomer, and trainer tax.

The GALRC board is considering holding fun days next year for club members only. One suggestion is a day at The Canine Ranch in Waleska, Georgia (about 30 minutes north of Atlanta), where we could picnic, jump the dogs off the facility's competition dock diving pool, run agility or rally, or learn introductory nose-work or tracking.

This would most likely be during late spring/early summer, 2013. If you have other suggestions for club activities, please contact Linda Rehkopf, (770) 971-2046 home or by email, rehkopfc@bellsouth.net.

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

WELCOME / BOARD / RAFFLE

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!!

Amber Lynn Mesfin
Lisa Burns
Lisa Madler

Board Slate for next year:

President	Barry Staples
VP	Shannon Carlton
Corresponding Secretary	Linda Jordan
Recording Secretary	Linda Reykoph
Treasurer	Kristine Hampson
Director	Lundi Johnson
Director	Jim Griffin
Director	Neil Martin

Raffle Donations

The GALRC Specialty will be held next month on October 18th.
We are asking everyone to help with donations of items or cash.
This event is one of our largest money makers of the year and helps
us to put on our next years specialty show.

If you have anything Lab related or generic that you would like to donate please contact
Dale Staples at dalerstaples@mindspring.com
or Shannon Carlton at sheabourne@aol.com

If you would like to contribute with a cash donation
please contact Dale.

Pleas help GALRC make this raffle a success.

Thank you.

OWNER - HANDLER



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Attention Owner-Handler Exhibitors! Join Us for the AKC National Owner-Handler Series

Did you know that more than 80% of show dogs are handled by their owners? To celebrate the dedication and enthusiasm of owner-handler exhibitors like you, **the American Kennel Club has created the new AKC National Owner-Handler Series for you and your dogs!** This non-titling competition held at select dog shows across the country launches this year and you are invited to participate! The American Kennel Club and the Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc. in your area will be hosting an AKC National Owner-Handler Series event at:

**Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.
Saturday, October 20, 2012
Atlanta Exposition Cntr South, Atlanta, GA**

Entries close on Wednesday, October 3, 2012. To enter this show visit show superintendent [Onofrio Dog Shows, LLC](#). **Dogs must be declared Owner-Handler eligible at the time of entry using the check box on the entry form.**

The AKC National Owner-Handler Series includes Breed, Group & Best in Show competitions. It is offered for all owner-handled dogs & bitches (including Winners Dog and Winners Bitch) exhibited in the Best of Breed class. The competition will be conducted following Best of Breed judging in each breed ring. All Owner-Handlers – owners who present their own dogs and are not professional handlers – are eligible and encouraged to participate.

The top-ranked dogs from the AKC National Owner-Handler Series will be posted on www.akc.org and the Top 10 Owner-Handled dogs of each breed and variety will be invited to compete at an "end of year" competition show. Rankings of the dogs competing in the series will be compiled based on the Best of Breed, Group and Best in Show placements in this specific series competition. For more information on points and judging procedures visit www.akc.org/ohs.

****Professional handlers, assistants and household members of current professional handlers are not eligible to own or present dogs in this competition. Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.***

We'd love to hear from you about the AKC National Owner-Handler Series. Please feel free to contact us at glt@akc.org if you have any questions, your club would like to host a series event or would like to offer feedback after the event regarding your owner-handler series experience.

Sincerely,

Bobby Birdsong
AKC Director, Event Operations

TEMPERAMENT TEST



The Augusta Kennel Club & The American Temperament Test Society ATTS TEMPERAMENT TEST

Saturday November 3, 2012

ENTRIES

1. Fill out attached entry form or go to www.atts.org
2. Make check payable to Augusta Kennel Club
3. Mail completed form(s) and check to the test organizer at:
Nancy Kille, 3114 Goolsby Road, Blythe, Ga. 30805
Phone 706-592-0162 Email: jendhi@earthlink.net

FEES \$30.00 per dog, pre-registration (pre-entries close October 20, 2012)
\$25.00 each additional dog, same owner
\$35.00 per dog, day of test, space available (entries close at 12:00 noon)

LOCATION Eisenhower Baseball Field, Eisenhower Road, Augusta, Ga.

DIRECTIONS

From I-20 take exit 199 (Washington Road) south toward Augusta for
Approximately 1.8 miles to Eisenhower Drive on the left. (Just past the
Entrance to the Augusta National). Go about 1 mile down Eisenhower Drive,
Cross the railroad tracks and the ball fields are on the right.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

The club will provide lunch during the break for a nominal fee.

TEMPERAMENT TEST

EQUIPMENT TO BRING

- A six foot lead and slip collar is required
- Chair
- Bags to clean up after your dog

TEST DETAILS

- Test is limited to 45 dogs
- Bitches in heat may take the test but will be run at the end of the day, after all other dogs have been tested.
- Dogs must be a minimum of 18 months of age
- ATTS is open to ALL breeds of dogs. Mixed breeds may take the test, but are ineligible to be certified unless they are spayed/neutered
- Dogs that pass the ATTS test may add the title "TT" after their names, and will be issued a certificate and number from ATTS
- No refunds will be given for entered dogs that do not take or complete the test
- Testing order will be scheduled the day of the test on a first come, first served basis.
- Two walk throughs of the ATTS course will be conducted – one at 9:00 AM and one at 1:00 PM
- Entries must be on the official ATTS entry form and must be on one sheet of paper, copied front/back
- No preparation or training beyond normal socialization and exposure to normal living is necessary
- In the event of rain, testing will still be conducted

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ATTS AND THE ATTS TEST, VISIT THE ATTS WEBSITE AT:

WWW.ATTS.ORG

FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE TEST, VISIT THE AUGUSTA KENNEL CLUB WEBSITE AT:

WWW.AUGUSTAKENNELCLUB.ORG

FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT NANCY KILLE

PHONE: 706-592-9162 EMAIL: JENDHI@EARTHLINK.NET

OR

DEBBIE METTS

PHONE 706-868-6135 EMAIL DMETTS2000@YAHOO.COM

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

CHOCOLATES ANYONE????

Dewberries Labradors has bred for an all chocolate litter, due Nov. 24, 2012!!

Maria, OFA hips EXCELLENT

Gelato, OFA hips GOOD

You can see them on our website

www.dewberrieslabradors.com

We are now taking deposits

We are planning two all yellow breedings in the near future from Tira and Torta

We have some deposits and are accepting more now

Also, we have some “olders” for placement in good homes:

Yatta yellow female DOB 9/6/09

Gemini yellow female DOB 9/21/09

Vera yellow female DOB 6/12/11

Obedience and field trained:

Banjo 3/23/10

Roux 3/23/10

Currently in obedience and field training:

Ruger—3/23/10

NEW AKC WEBSITE

On Aug 29, 2012 the newly redesigned AKC website — akc.org — went live! We invite you to visit the new website with easy-to-use tabs for Puppies, Dog Owners, Breeders, Clubs & Delegates, and Dog Shows and Trials segments. Below is the *Welcome to the New AKC.ORG* navigation tip sheet for your convenience. Enjoy!

Please send any comments or questions regarding the newly redesigned website to info@akc.org.

Welcome to the New AKC.ORG!

We are excited to share an online experience designed for dog lovers, breeders, owners, delegates, club members, and exhibitors who have one thing in common: A passion for dogs. AKC knows that dogs are an integral part of our lives and understands that the ways we enjoy canine companionship are endless.

This site is designed to let you experience more than 125 years of dog breed expertise, training knowledge, and all things dog firsthand. You'll discover news, find information, explore events, and be inspired to learn. Whether you are new to the AKC or a longstanding dog lover, you'll find akc.org intuitive and easy to navigate what matters most to you. The focus of this site is you. Here you'll find all the tools, information, and inspiration you need to share in our passion for dogs.

Primary Navigation: These new portals are organized by segments, making it easy to find information based on who you are and what you're looking for. You can click on the tabs and go directly to a segment page. Also, each tab has a dropdown menu when hovered over with resources that each person would regularly need. Click on any of the following tabs to learn more about it:

[Puppies:](#) This section is for those looking to add a new companion to their home.

- o The dropdown menu allows people to easily find the breed pages, information on finding a puppy and breeder, training and socialization resources, responsible dog ownership information, and a veterinarian search.

[Dog Owners:](#) This section is for current dog owners.

- o The dropdown menu allows customers to find information on registering their dog, keeping their dog healthy, training and socialization resources, and various AKC programs.

[Breeders:](#) This section is for AKC breeders.

- o The dropdown menu allows breeders to easily find information on registering their litters and dogs, online recordkeeping, breeder education, access forms, and order materials.

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Clubs & Delegates: This section is for AKC Clubs and Delegates.

- o The dropdown menu allows Clubs and Delegates to easily access tools, public education and media resources, and club information.

Dog Shows & Trials: This section is for those who actively participate in various AKC events.

The dropdown menu provides easy access to information about all of AKC's events including Conformation, Obedience, Agility, AKC Rally®, Tracking, Field Events and more. It also allows customers to find an event calendar and information on getting started in events.

Utility Navigation Bar: Here you will find main sections of the website that are frequently used by our Customer Segments.

Home:

- o You can always get back to the homepage from anywhere on the site.

Breeds:

Search breeds by group or name

- o Find information on breeder referral, breeder classifieds, and breed rescue

Register a Litter:

- o Go directly to the online litter registration page
- o View AKC online services announcements
- o Access online litter registration support, helpful links, and answers to frequently asked questions

Register a Dog:

- o Go directly to the online dog registration page
- o View AKC online services announcements
- o Access online dog registration support, helpful links, and answers to frequently asked questions

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Customer Service:

- o General inquiries can be submitted online
- o Answers to common registration questions
- o Online Telephone Directory
- o Customer Care
- ✦ Technical support for the AKC web site
- ✦ Special Services

About AKC:

- o Minutes and Reports
- ✦ Links to Board Minutes, Delegates' Minutes, Chairman's Report, etc.
- ✦ Inside AKC
- ✦ Links to learn more about the American Kennel Club
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Store:

- o You can view and purchase AKC and AKC affiliate program products.
- o Free Online Services - services provided free of charge and services requiring store login

Dog.com:

- o Directs you to AKC's store on dog.com where you can buy all sorts of dog products and receive an AKC discount.

Press:

Find resources for media and AKC Clubs such as press releases, facts and stats, syndicated content, press pass information, and more.